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CYBORG 009

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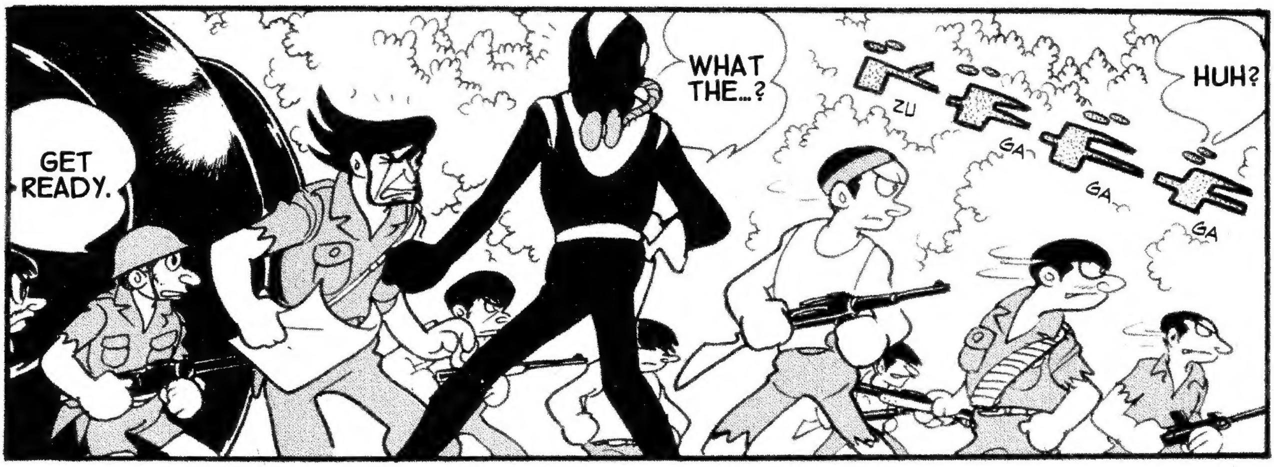
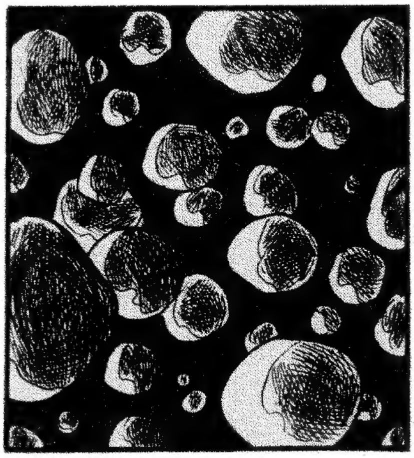
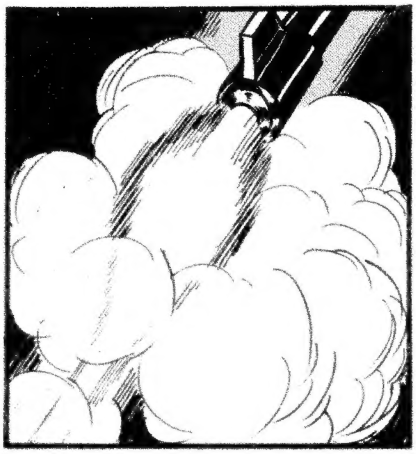
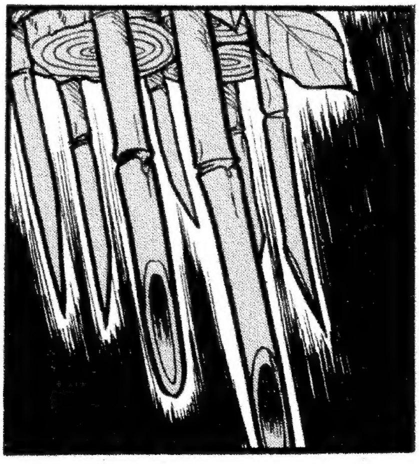
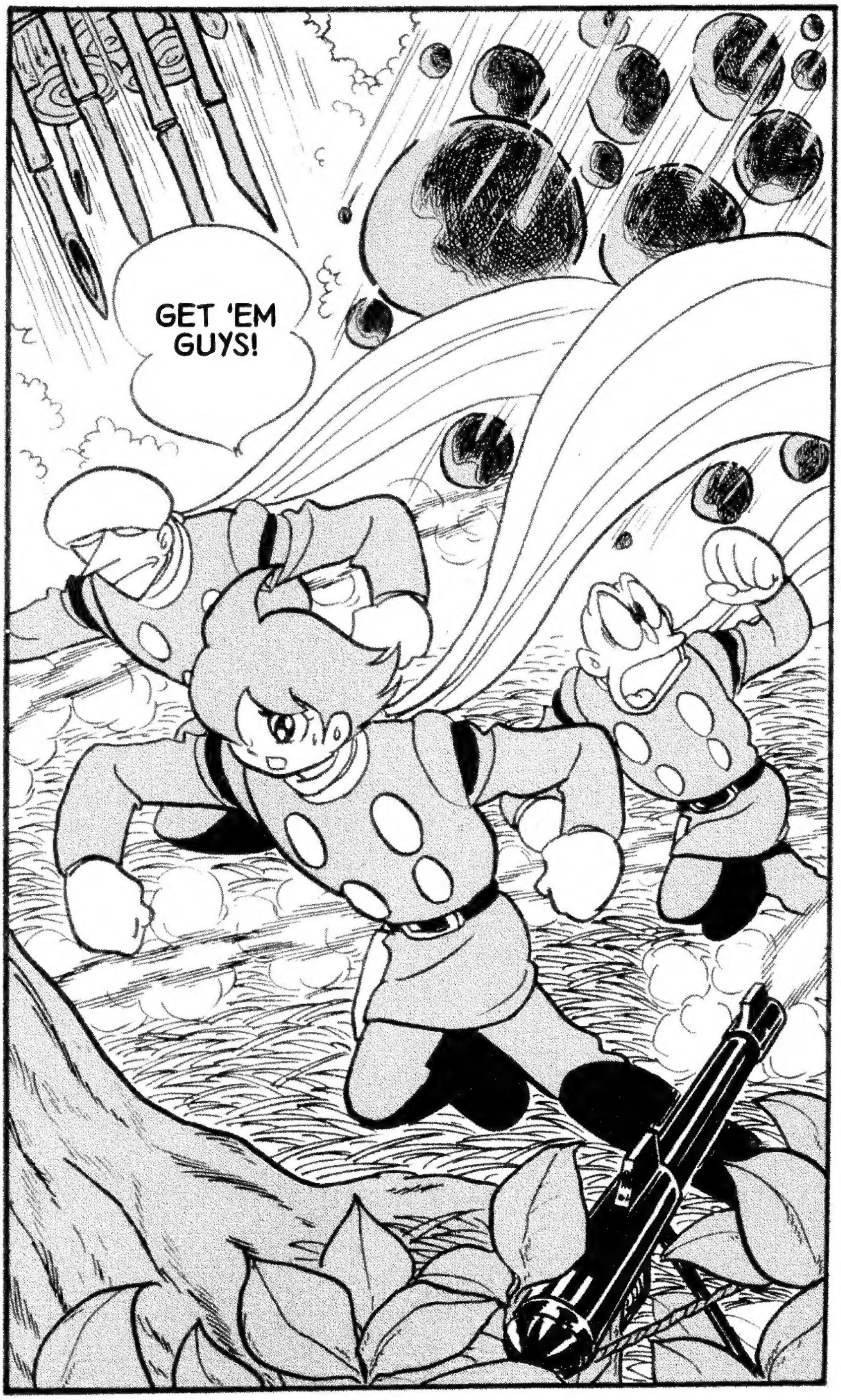
Shotaro Ishinomori

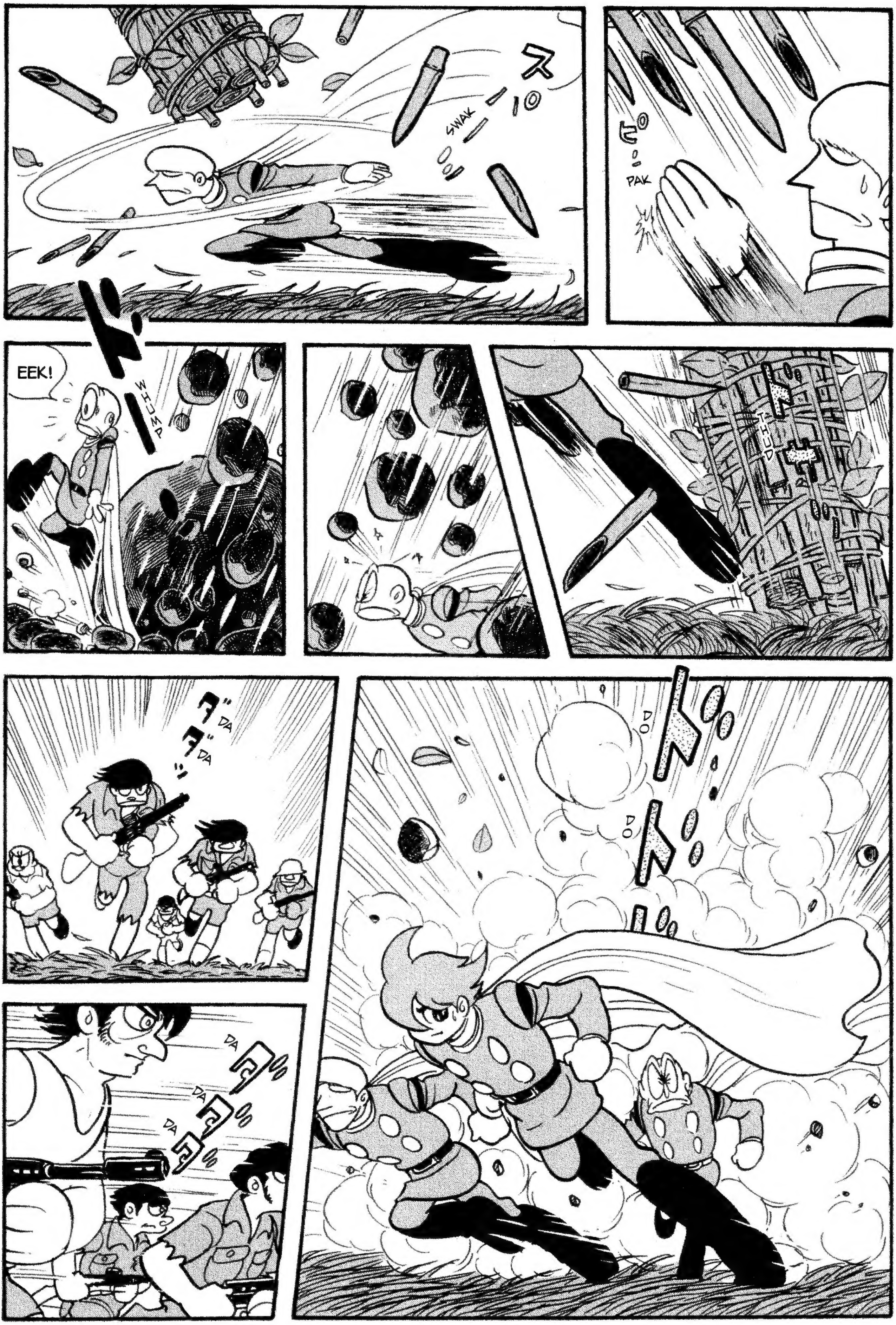

HUH?
ZU GA GA GA
WHAT THE…?
GET READY.








GET 'EM GUYS!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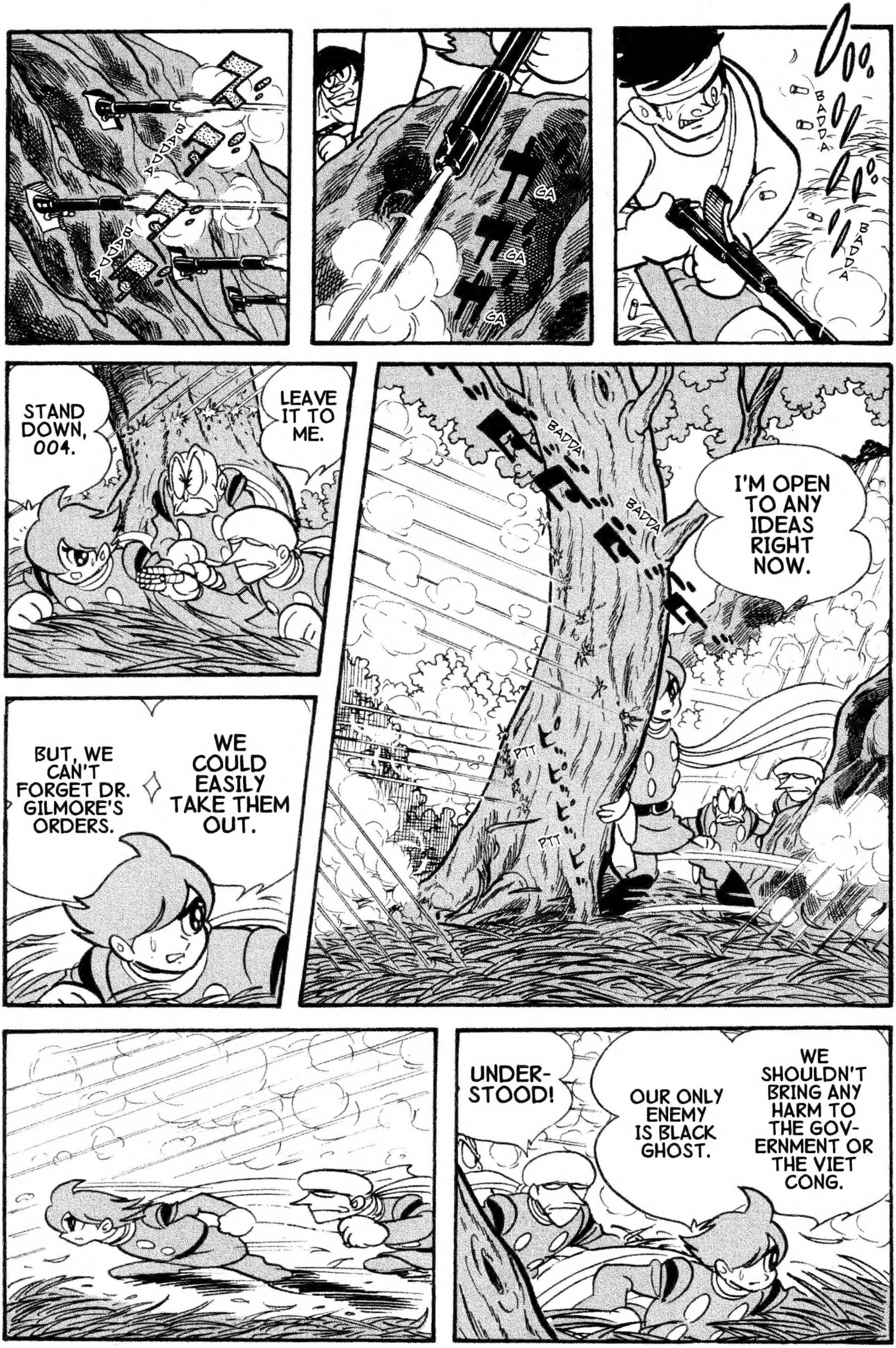
BADDA
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GA
GA
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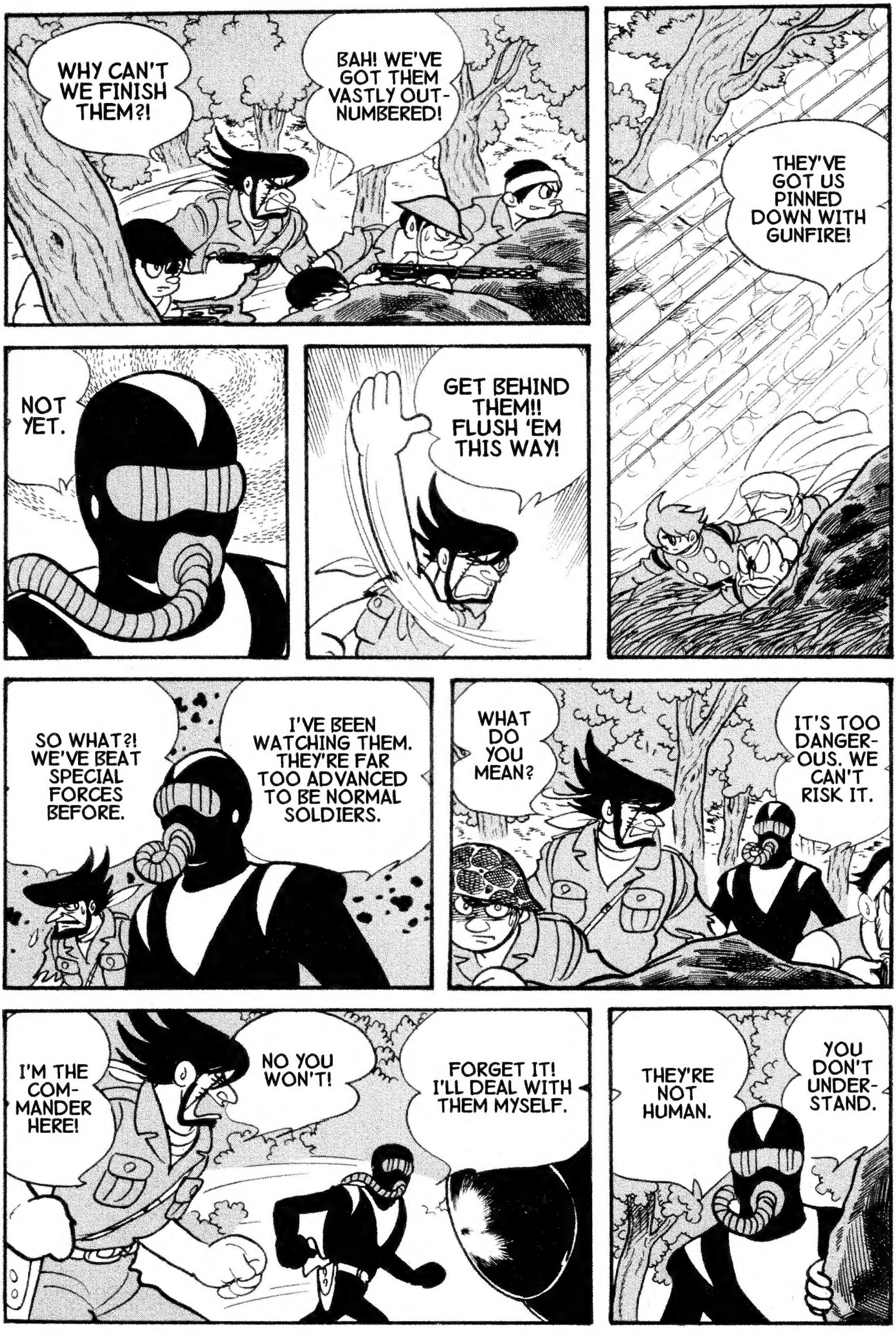
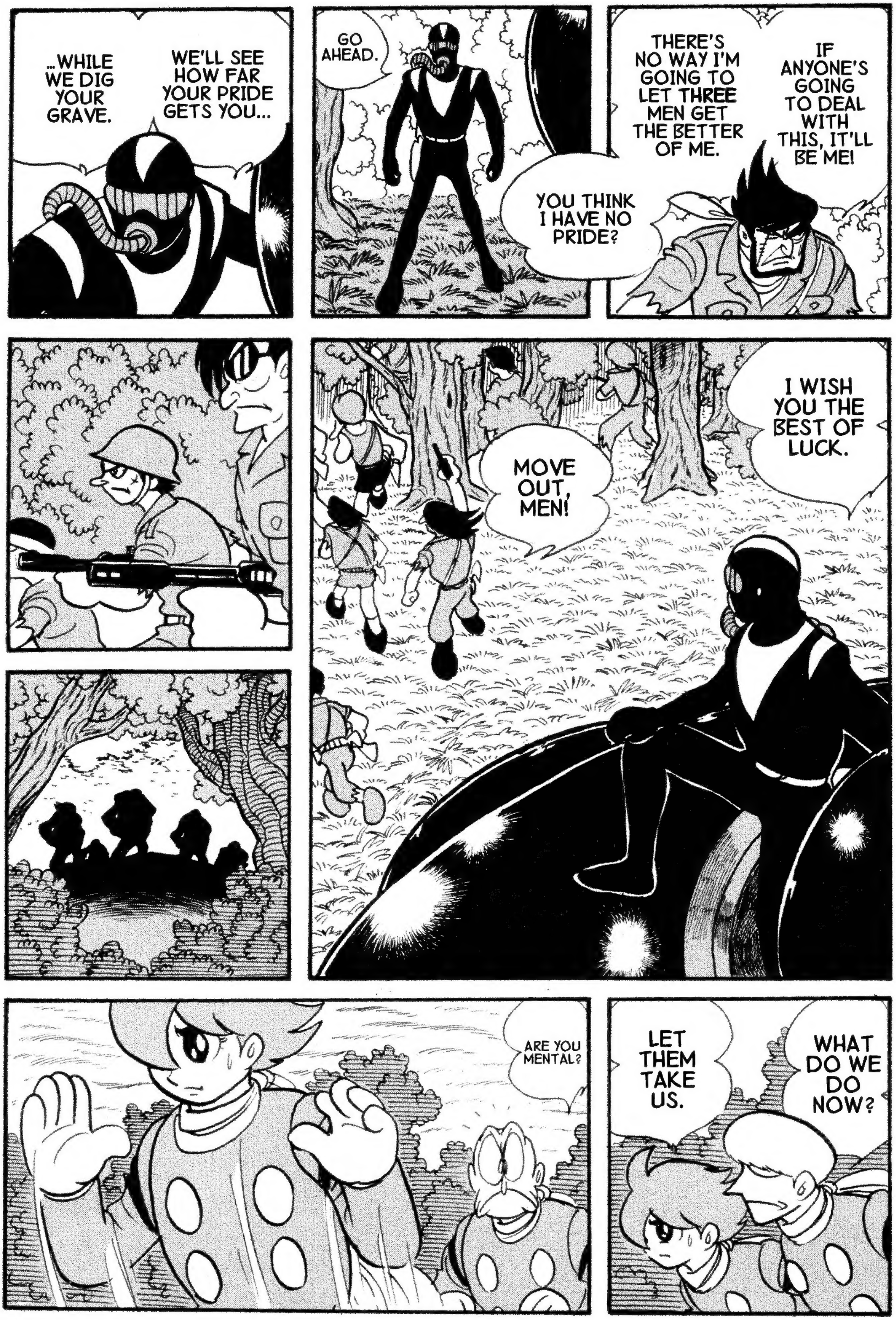
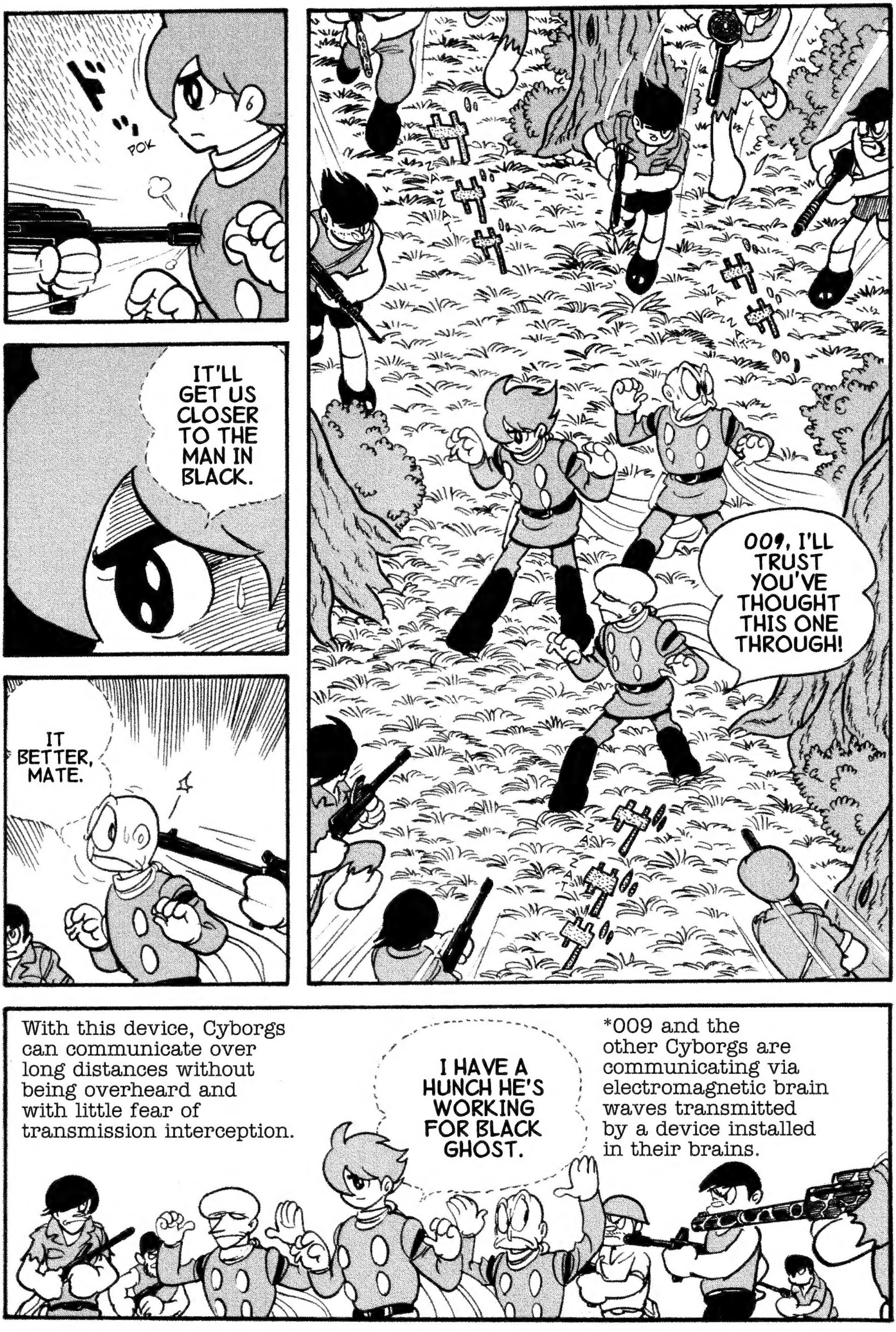
BADDA
I'M OPEN TO ANY IDEAS RIGHT NOW.
BADDA
BADDA
PTT
PTT
LEAVE IT TO ME.
STAND DOWN, 004.
WE COULD EASILY TAKE THEM OUT.
BUT, WE CAN'T FORGET DR. GILMORE'S ORDERS.
WE SHOULDN'T BRING ANY HARM TO THE GOVERNMENT OR THE VIET CONG.
OUR ONLY ENEMY IS BLACK GHOST.
UNDERSTOOD!


THEY'VE GOT US PINNED DOWN WITH GUNFIRE!
BAH! WE'VE GOT THEM VASTLY OUTNUMBERED!
WHY CAN'T WE FINISH THEM?!
GET BEHIND THEM!! FLUSH 'EM THIS WAY!
NOT YET.
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS. WE CAN'T RISK IT.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING THEM. THEY'RE FAR TOO ADVANCED TO BE NORMAL SOLDIERS.
SO WHAT?! WE'VE BEAT SPECIAL FORCES BEFORE.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THEY'RE NOT HUMAN.
FORGET IT! I'LL DEAL WITH THEM MYSELF.
NO YOU WON'T!
I'M THE COMMANDER HERE!


IF ANYONE'S GOING TO DEAL WITH THIS, IT'LL BE ME!
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO LET THREE MEN GET THE BETTER OF ME.
YOU THINK I HAVE NO PRIDE?
GO AHEAD.
WE'LL SEE HOW FAR YOUR PRIDE GETS YOU...
...WHILE WE DIG YOUR GRAVE.
I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK.
MOVE OUT, MEN!
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
LET THEM TAKE US.
ARE YOU MENTAL?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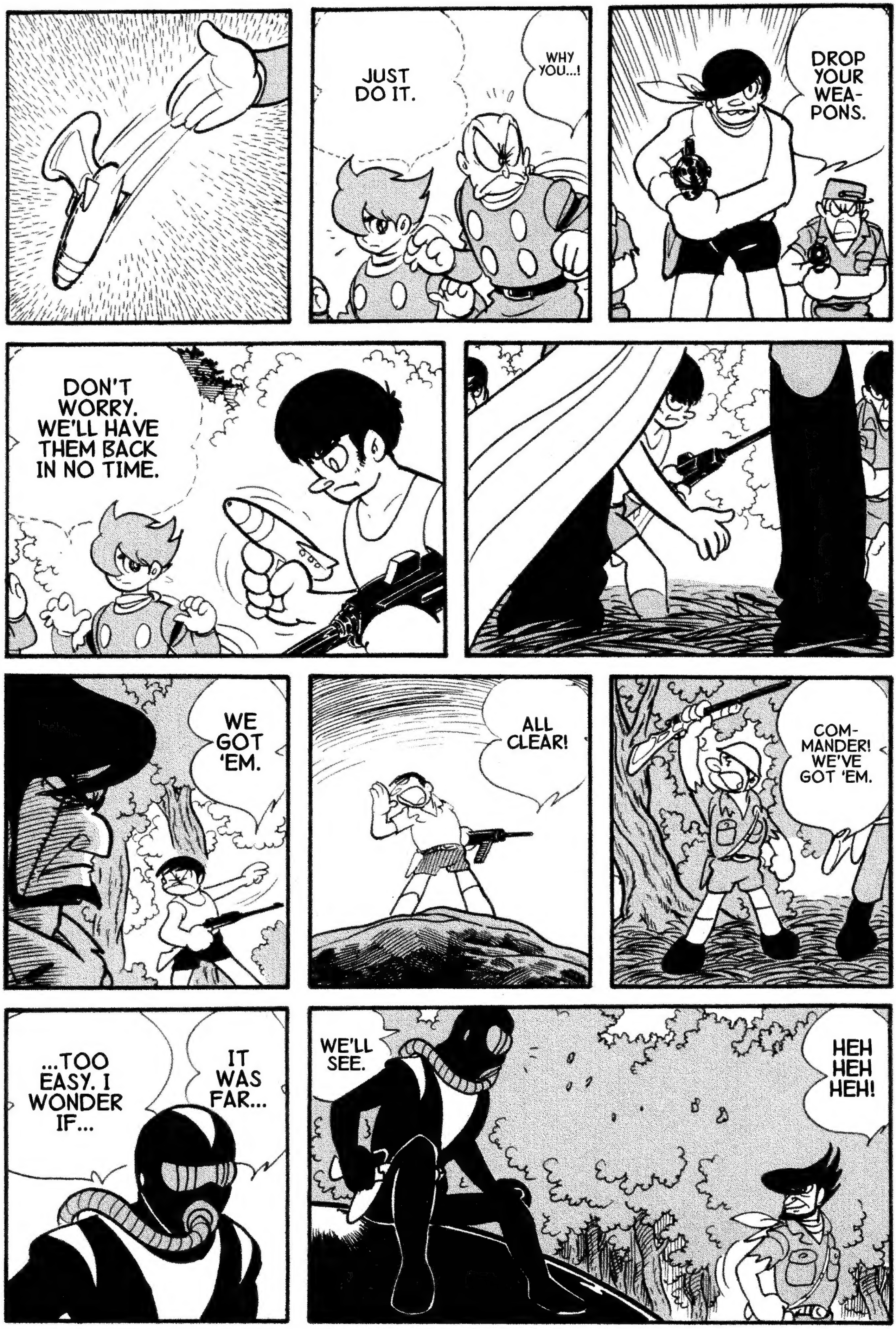
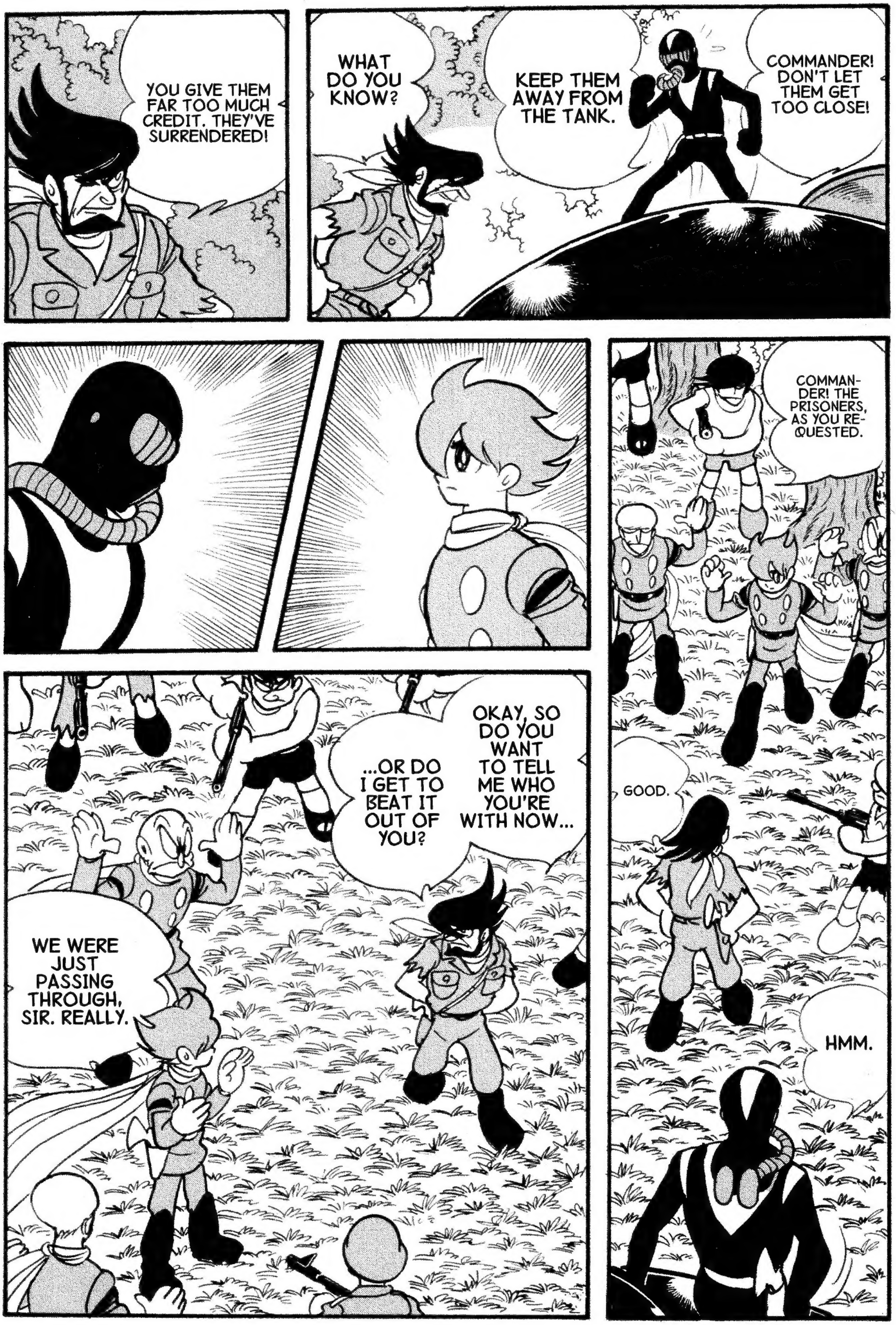
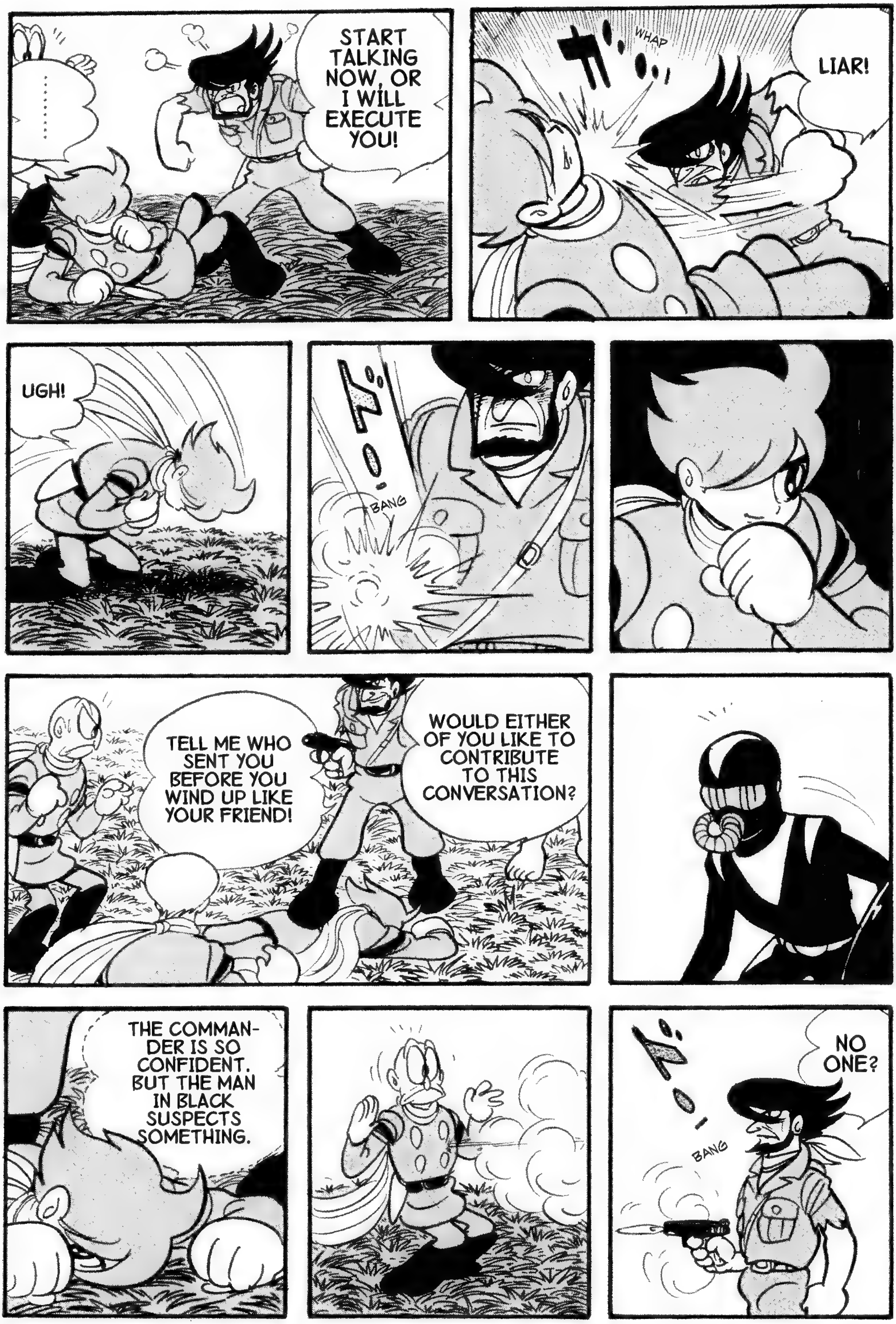
POK
IT'LL GET US CLOSER TO THE MAN IN BLACK.
IT BETTER, MATE.
ZA
ZAT
ZA
ZAT
009, I'LL TRUST YOU'VE THOUGHT THIS ONE THROUGH!
ZA
ZAT
I HAVE A HUNCH HE'S WORKING FOR BLACK GHOST.

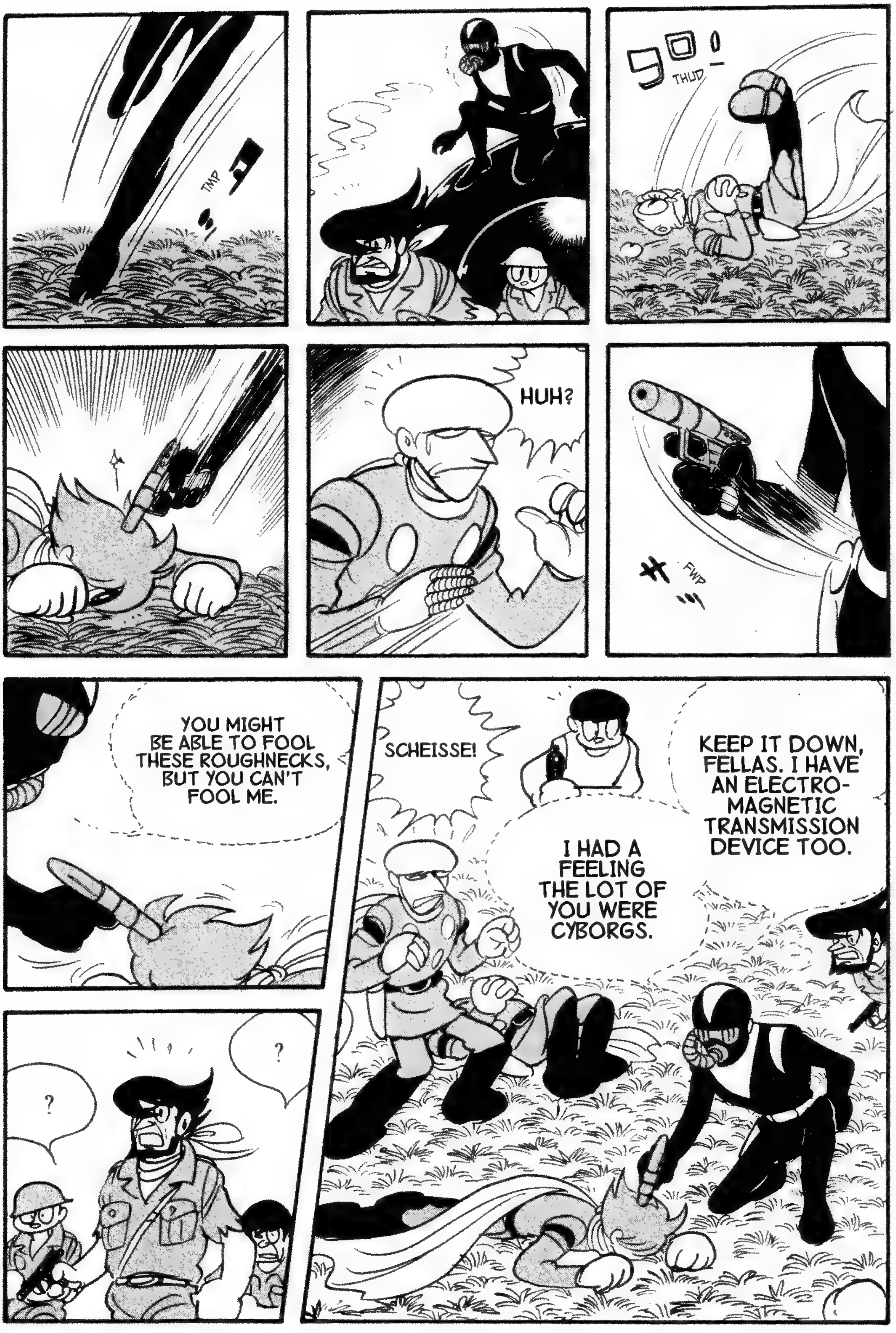
With this device, Cyborgs can communicate over long distances without being overheard and with little fear of transmission interception.

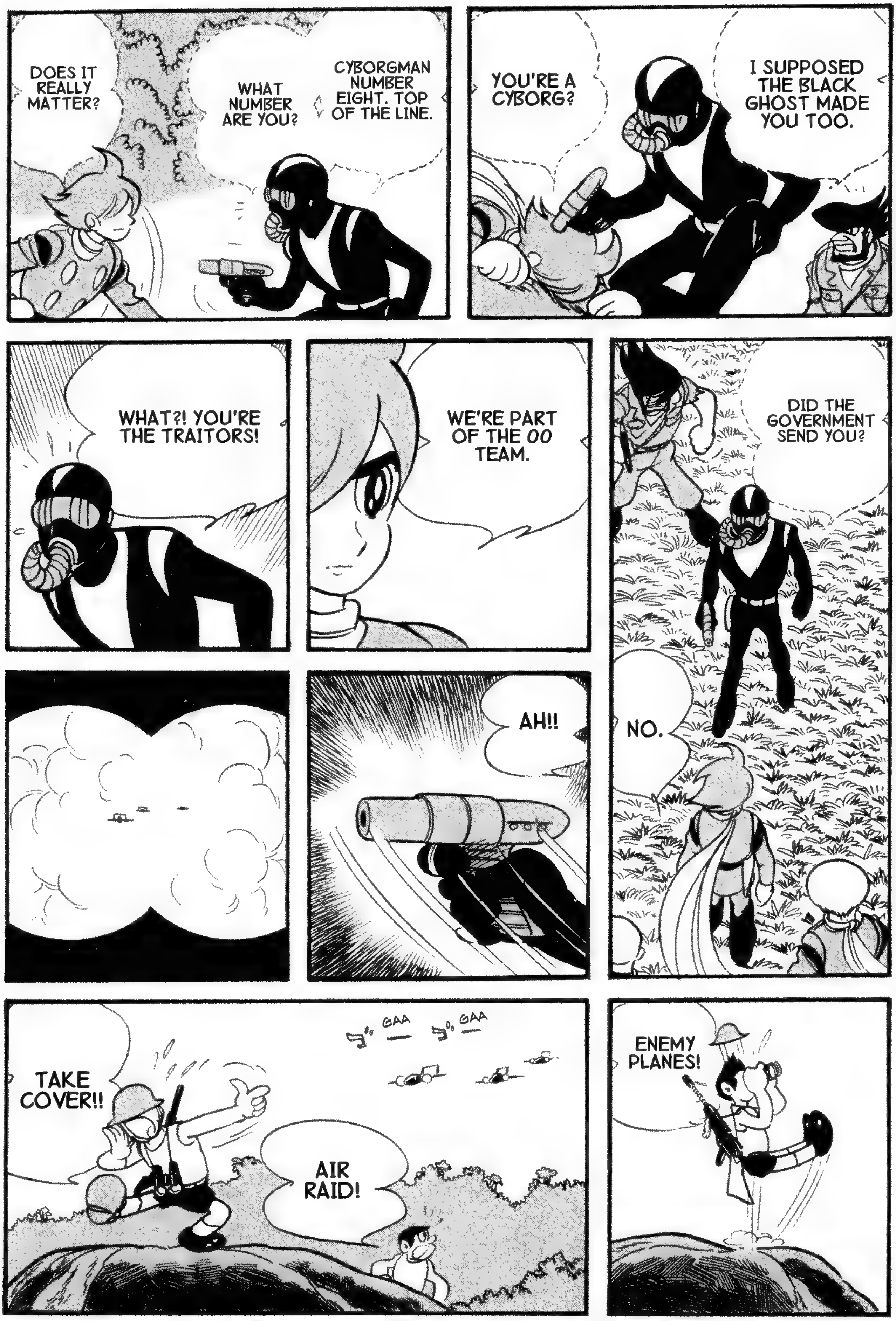
*009 and the other Cyborgs are communicating via electromagnetic brain waves transmitted by a device installed in their brains.

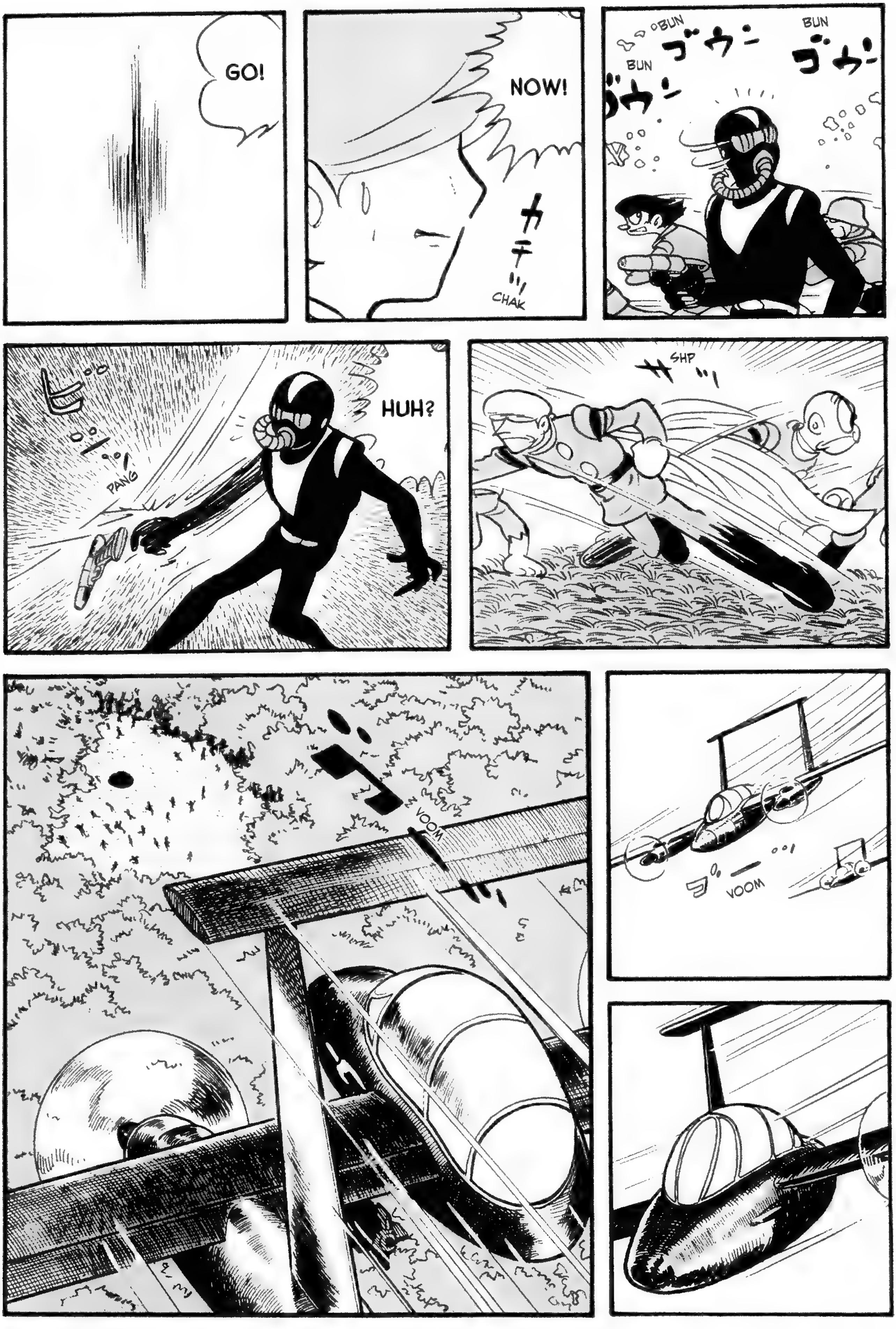

DROP YOUR WEAPONS.
WHY YOU...!
JUST DO IT.
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL HAVE THEM BACK IN NO TIME.
COMMANDER! WE'VE GOT 'EM.
ALL CLEAR!
WE GOT 'EM.
IT WAS FAR...
...TOO EASY. I WONDER IF...
HEH HEH HEH!
WE'LL SEE.


YOU GIVE THEM FAR TOO MUCH CREDIT. THEY'VE SURRENDERED!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?
KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE TANK.
COMMANDER! DON'T LET THEM GET TOO CLOSE!
COMMANDER! THE PRISONERS, AS YOU REQUESTED.
GOOD.
HMM.
OKAY, SO DO YOU WANT TO TELL ME WHO YOU'RE WITH NOW...
...OR DO I GET TO BEAT IT OUT OF YOU?
WE WERE JUST PASSING THROUGH, SIR. REALLY.


……
START TALKING NOW, OR I WILL EXECUTE YOU!
WHAP
LIAR!
UGH!
BANG
TELL ME WHO SENT YOU BEFORE YOU WIND UP LIKE YOUR FRIEND!
WOULD EITHER OF YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CONVERSATION?
THE COMMANDER IS SO CONFIDENT. BUT THE MAN IN BLACK SUSPECTS SOMETHING.
BANG
NO ONE?


TMP
THUD
HUH?
FWP
YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FOOL THESE ROUGHNECKS, BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ME.
?
?
SCHEISSE!
KEEP IT DOWN, FELLAS. I HAVE AN ELECTRO-MAGNETIC TRANSMISSION DEVICE TOO.
I HAD A FEELING THE LOT OF YOU WERE CYBORGS.


CYBORGMAN NUMBER EIGHT. TOP OF THE LINE.
WHAT NUMBER ARE YOU?
DOES IT REALLY MATTER?
I SUPPOSED THE BLACK GHOST MADE YOU TOO.
YOU'RE A CYBORG?
DID THE GOVERNMENT SEND YOU?
NO.
WE'RE PART OF THE 00 TEAM.
WHAT?! YOU'RE THE TRAITORS!
AH!!
ENEMY PLANES!
GAA GAA
AIR RAID!
TAKE COVER!!


GO!
NOW!
カチッ
CHAK
ゴウン BUN
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HUH?
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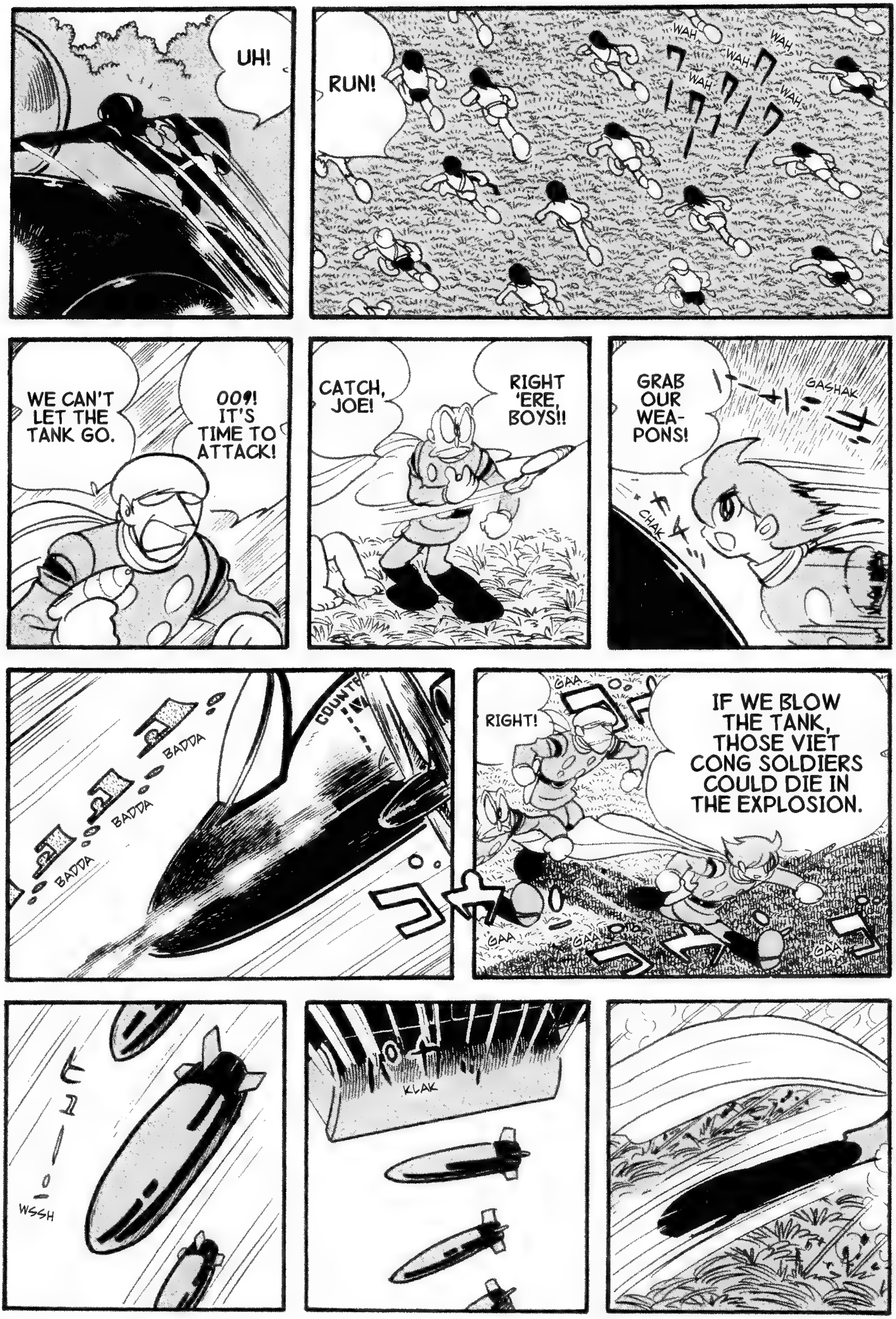
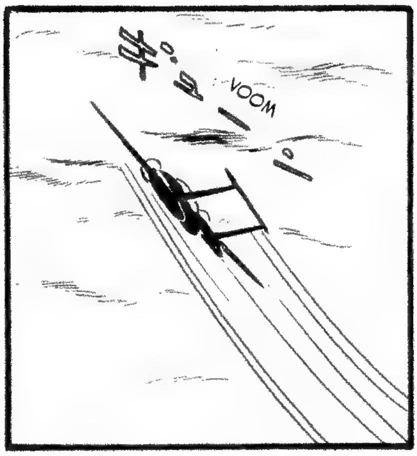
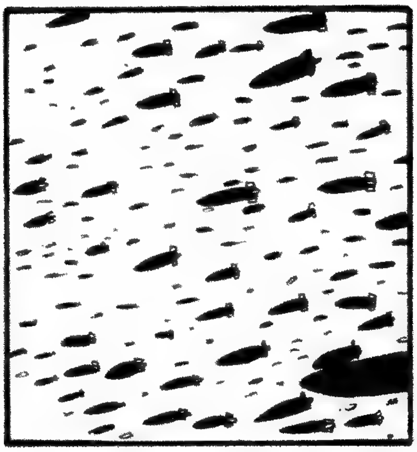
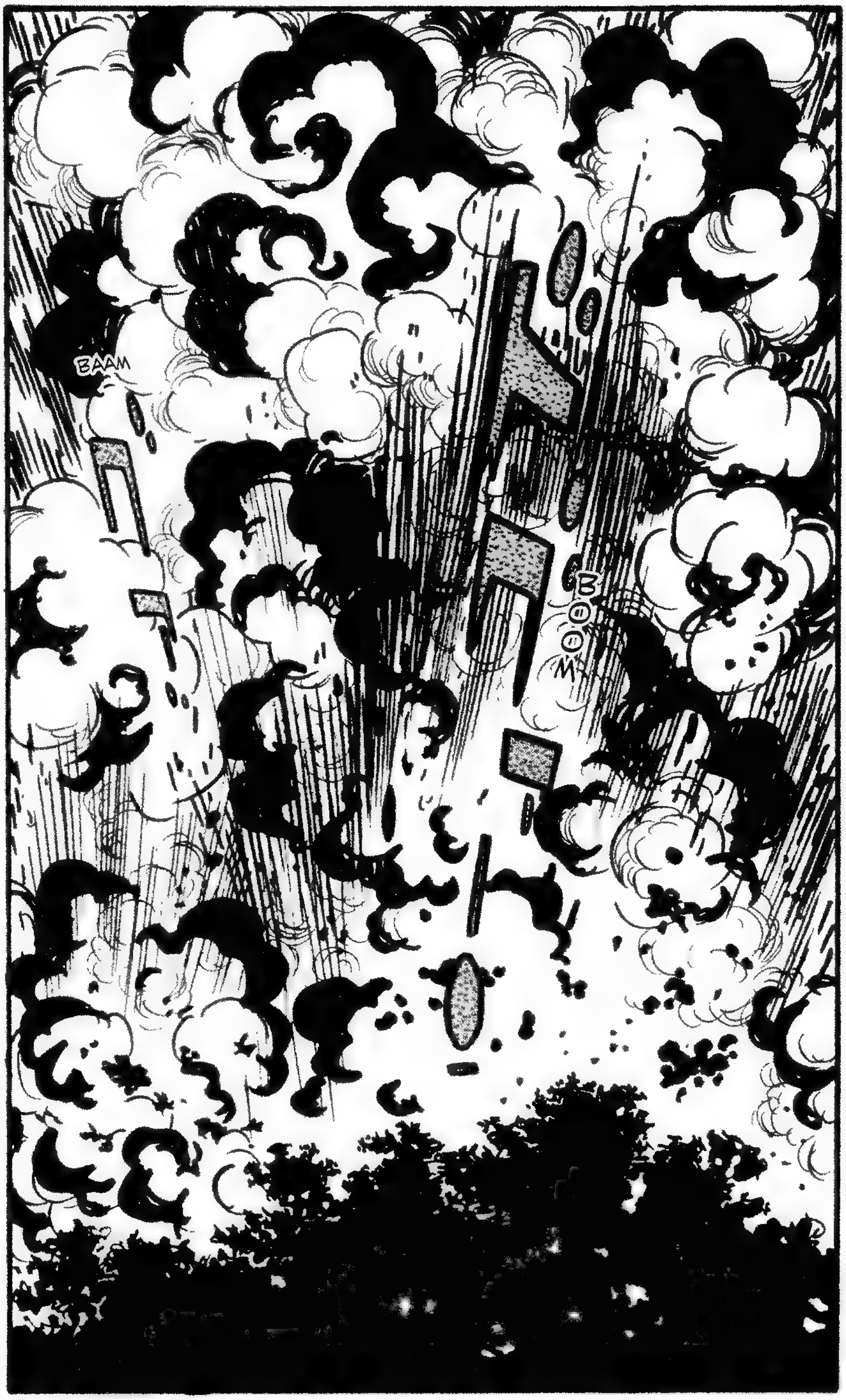
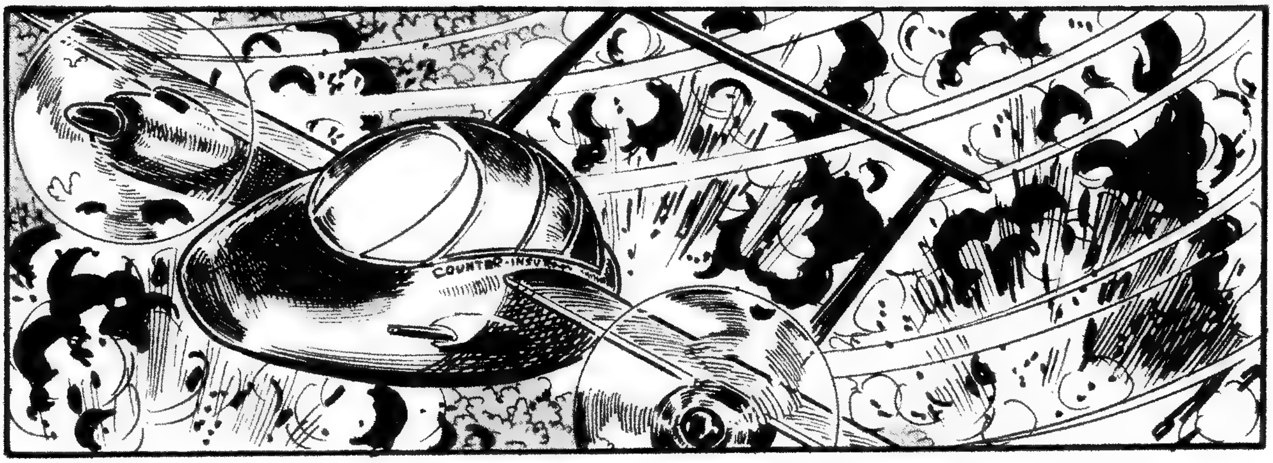

UH!
RUN!
WAH
WAH
WAH
WAH
WAH
009! IT'S TIME TO ATTACK!
WE CAN'T LET THE TANK GO.
RIGHT 'ERE, BOYS!!
CATCH, JOE!
GRAB OUR WEAPONS!
GASHAK
CHAK
COUNTE
BADDA
BADDA
BADDA
IF WE BLOW THE TANK, THOSE VIET CONG SOLDIERS COULD DIE IN THE EXPLOSION.
RIGHT!
GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
WSSH
KLAK


VOOM




BAAM
BOOM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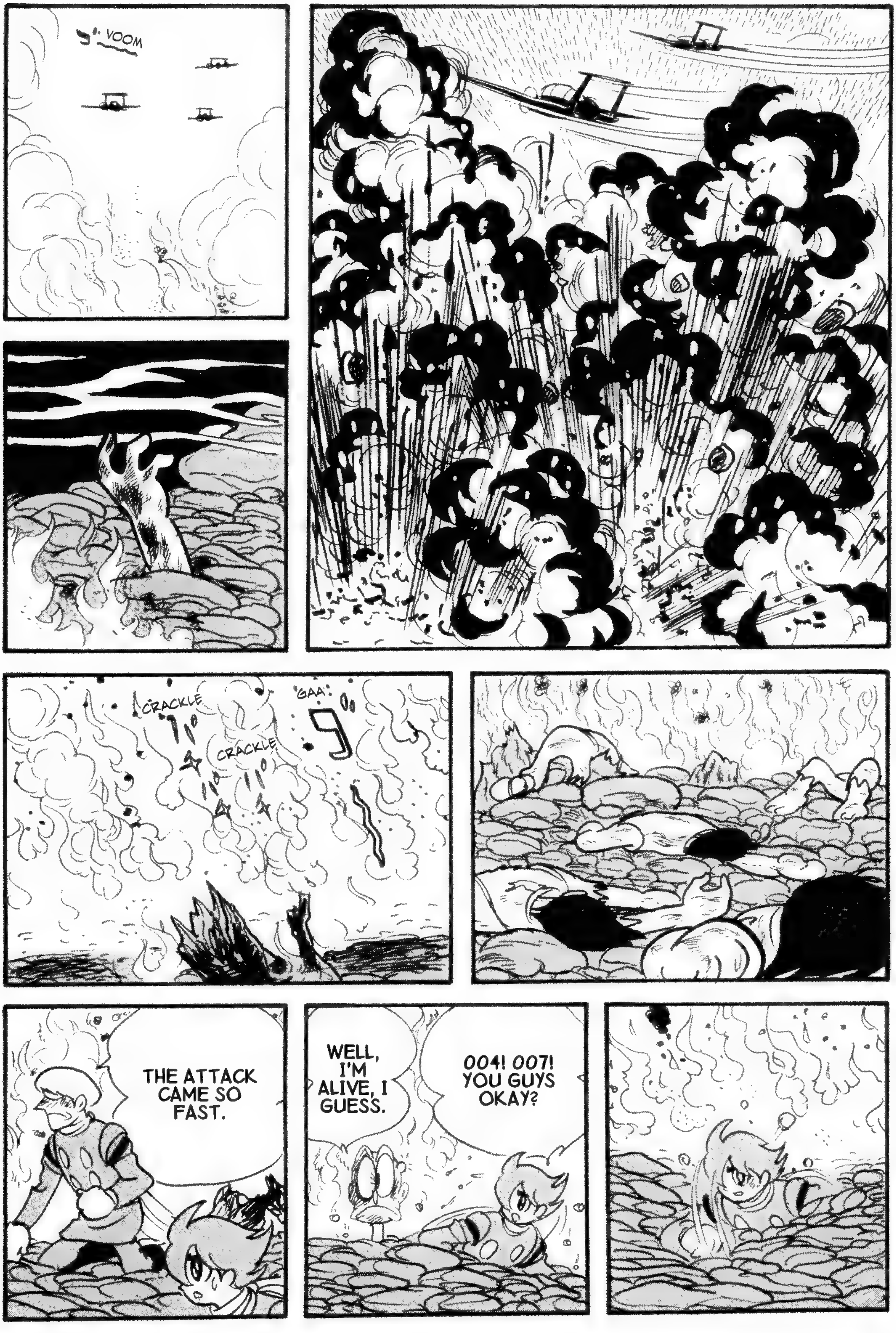
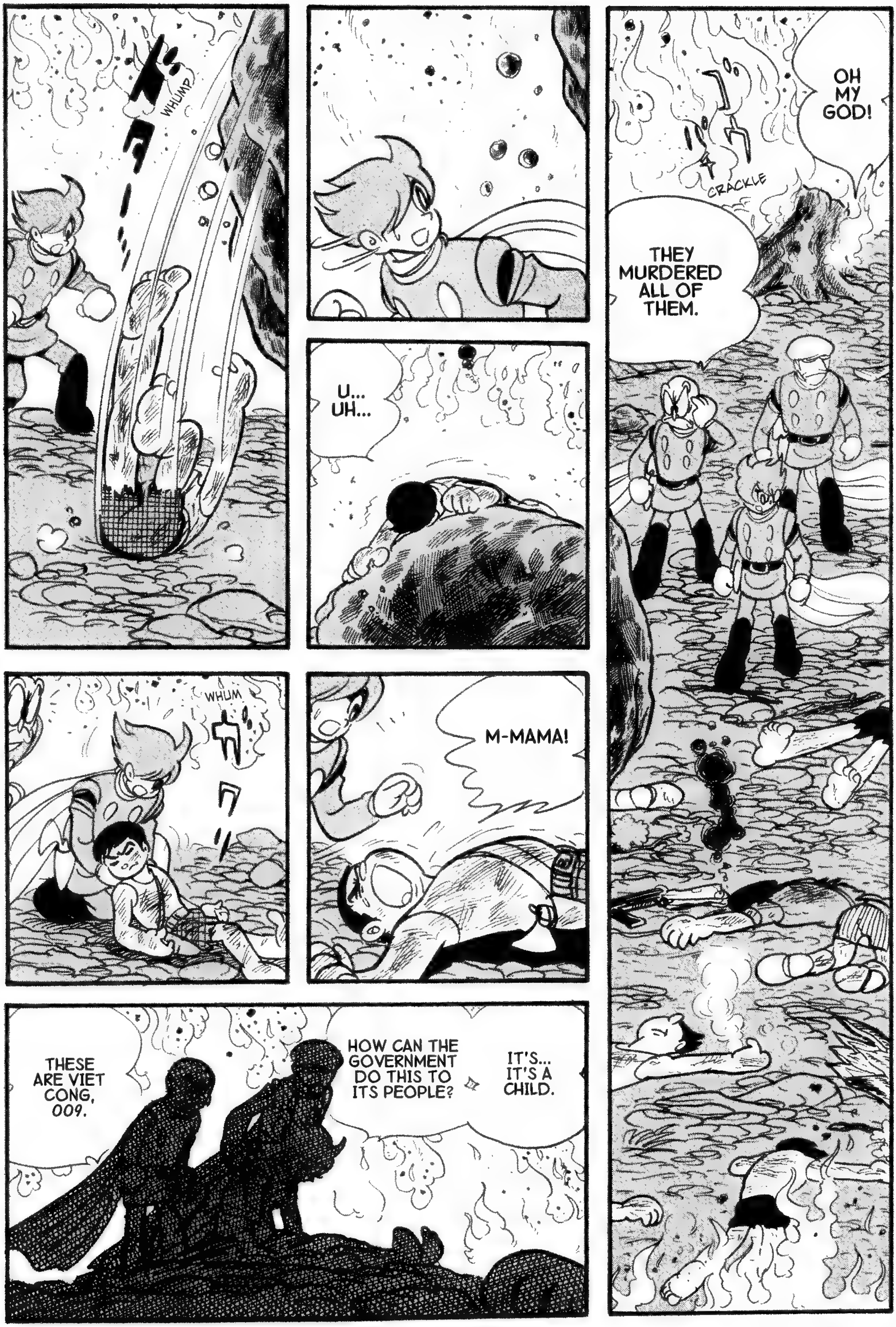
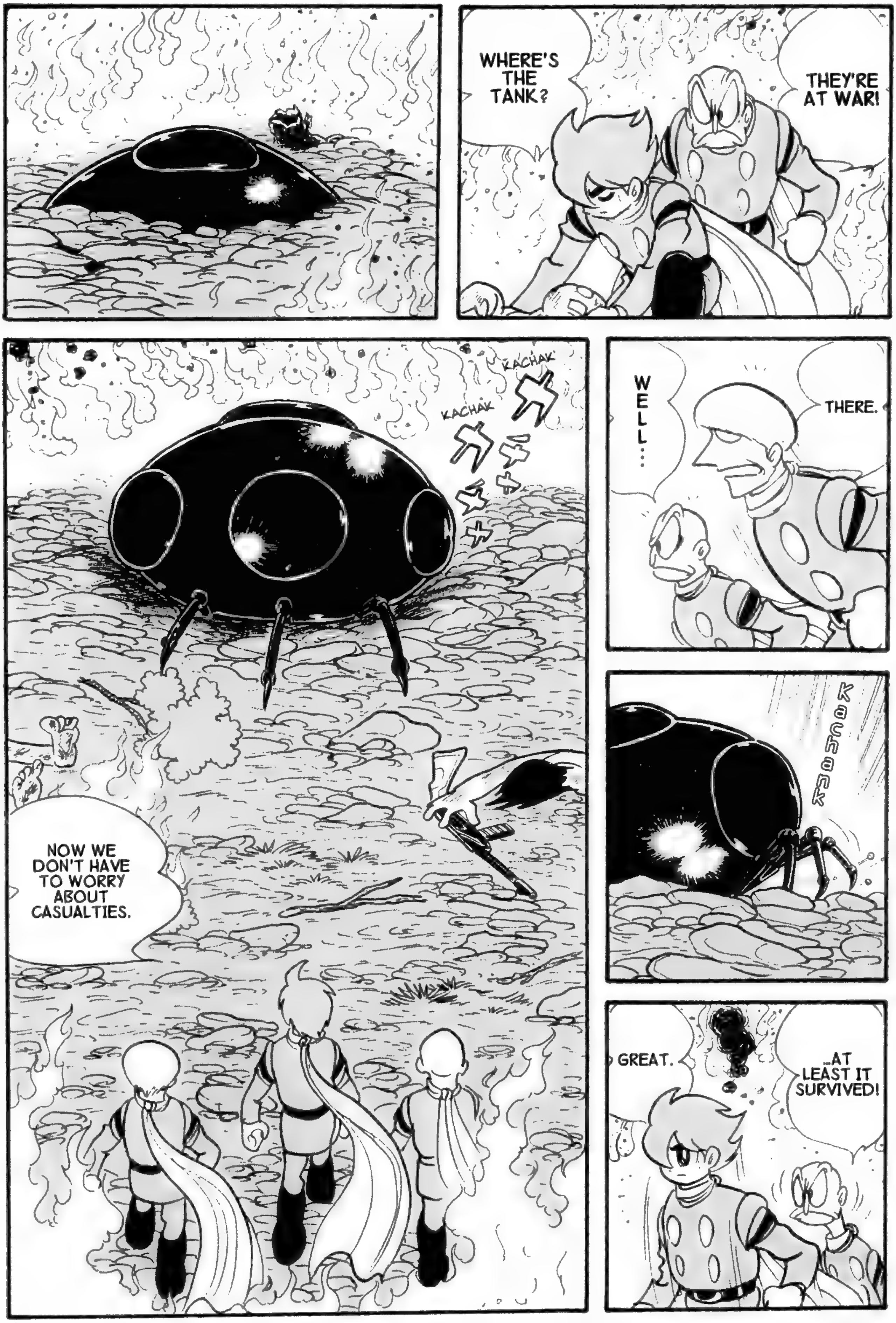
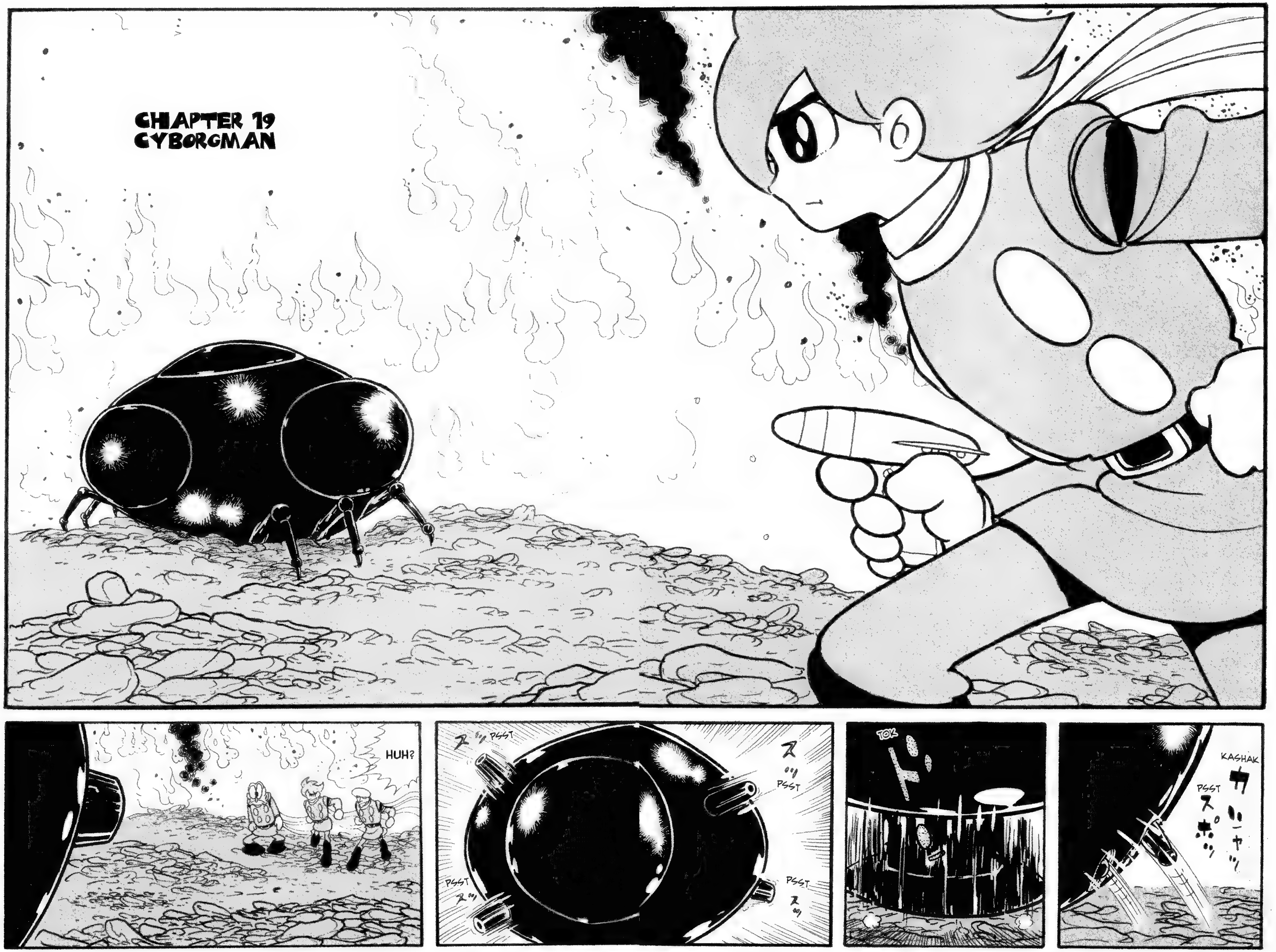

VOOM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
GAA
THE ATTACK CAME SO FAST.
004! 007! YOU GUYS OKAY?
WELL, I'M ALIVE, I GUESS.


CRACKLE
OH MY GOD!
THEY MURDERED ALL OF THEM.
WHUMP
U... UH...
M-MAMA!
WHUM
IT'S... IT'S A CHILD.
HOW CAN THE GOVERNMENT DO THIS TO ITS PEOPLE?
THESE ARE VIET CONG, 009.


WHERE'S THE TANK?
THEY'RE AT WAR!
KACHAK
KACHAK
NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT CASUALTIES.
WELL...
THERE.
Kachank
GREAT.
...AT LEAST IT SURVIVED!

CHAPTER 19
CYBORGMAN


KASHAK
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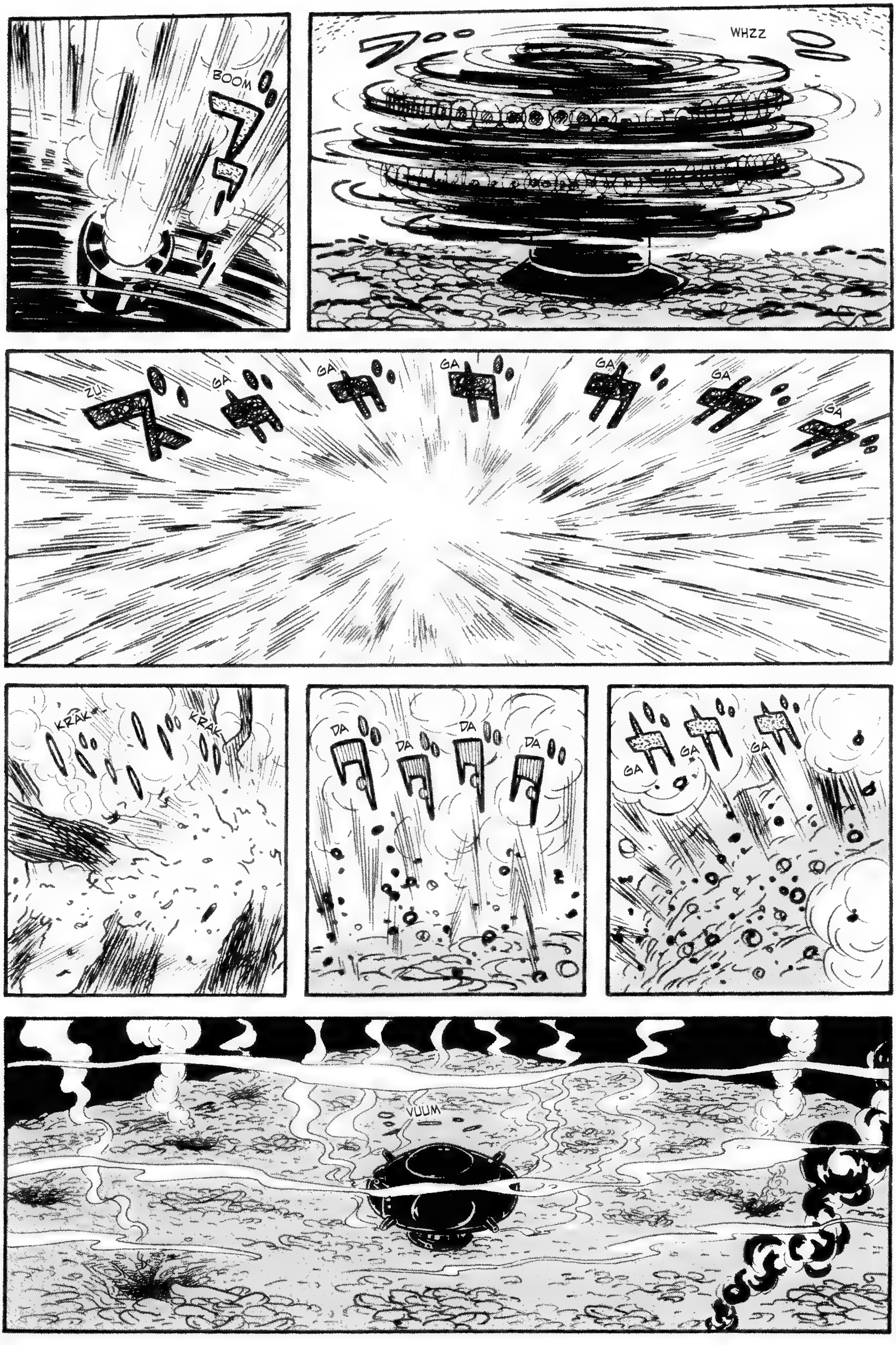
HUH?


BOOM
WHZZ
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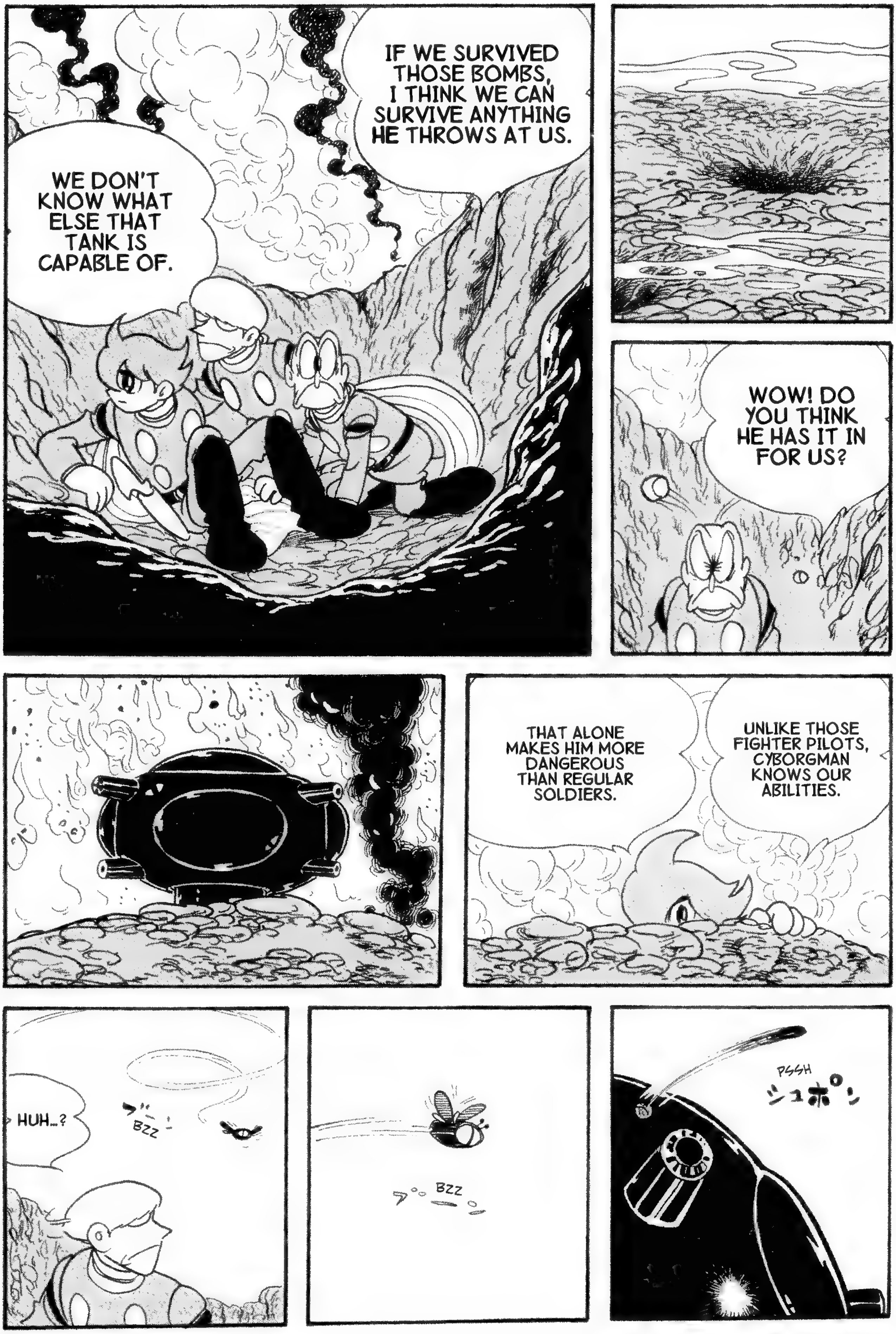
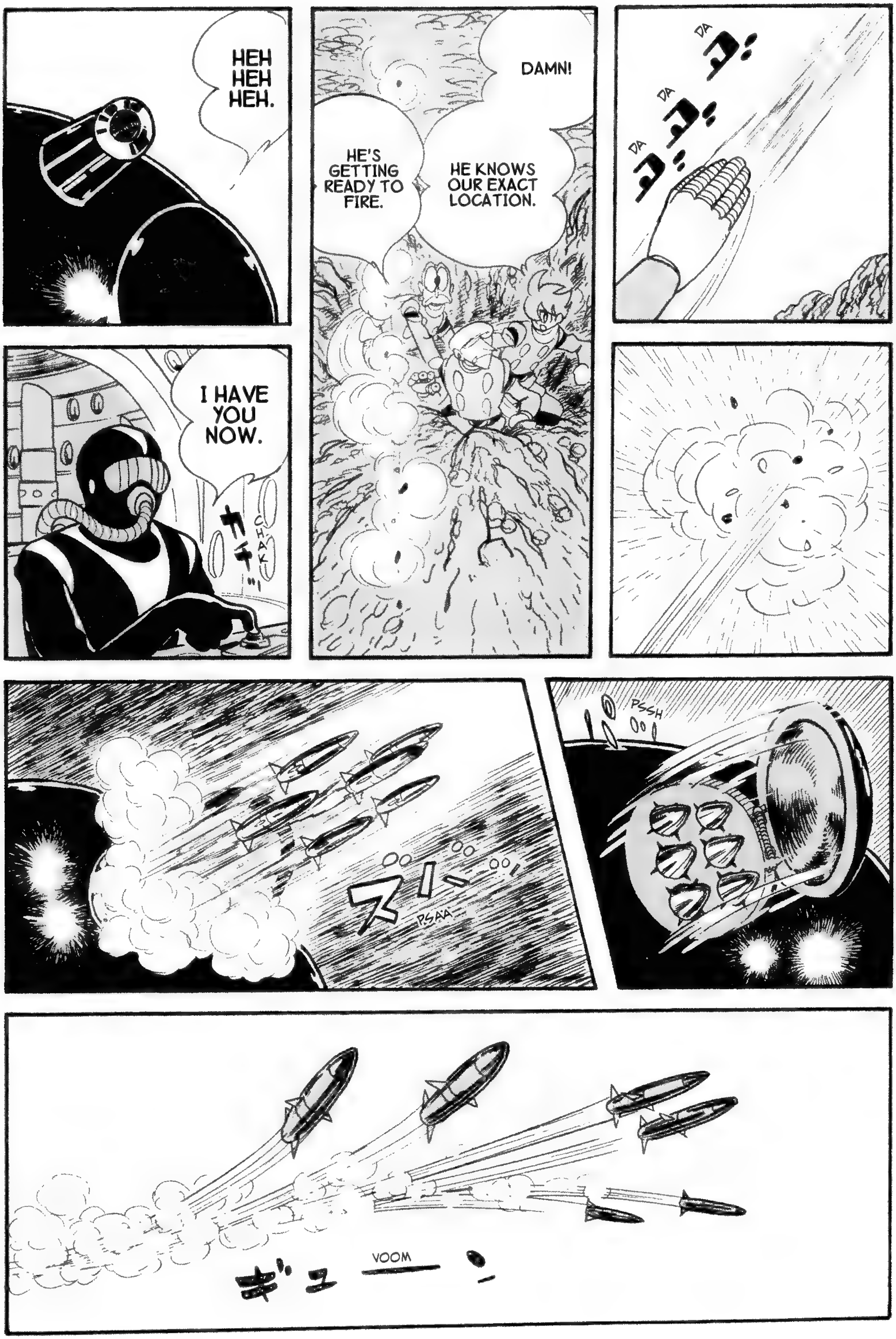
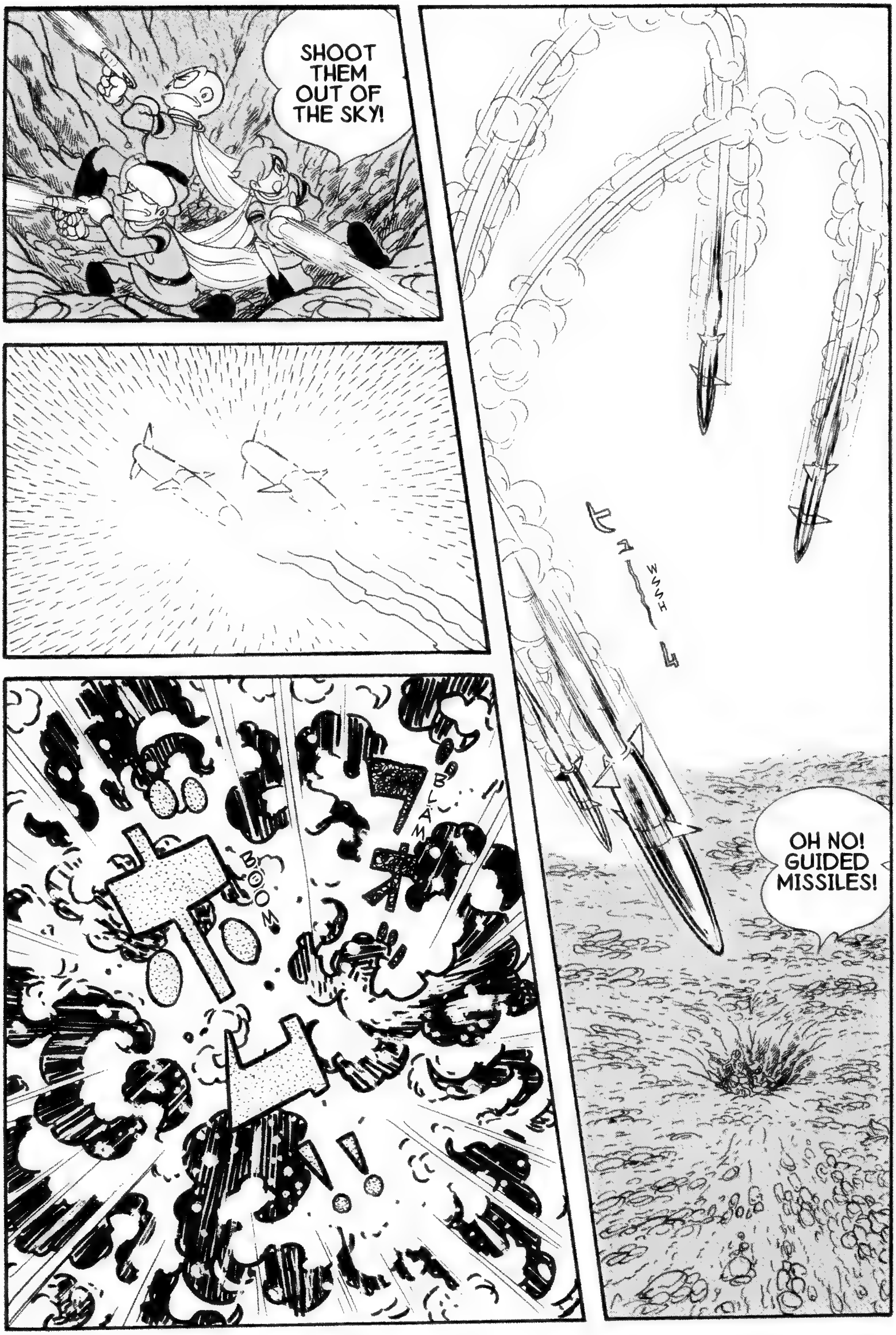
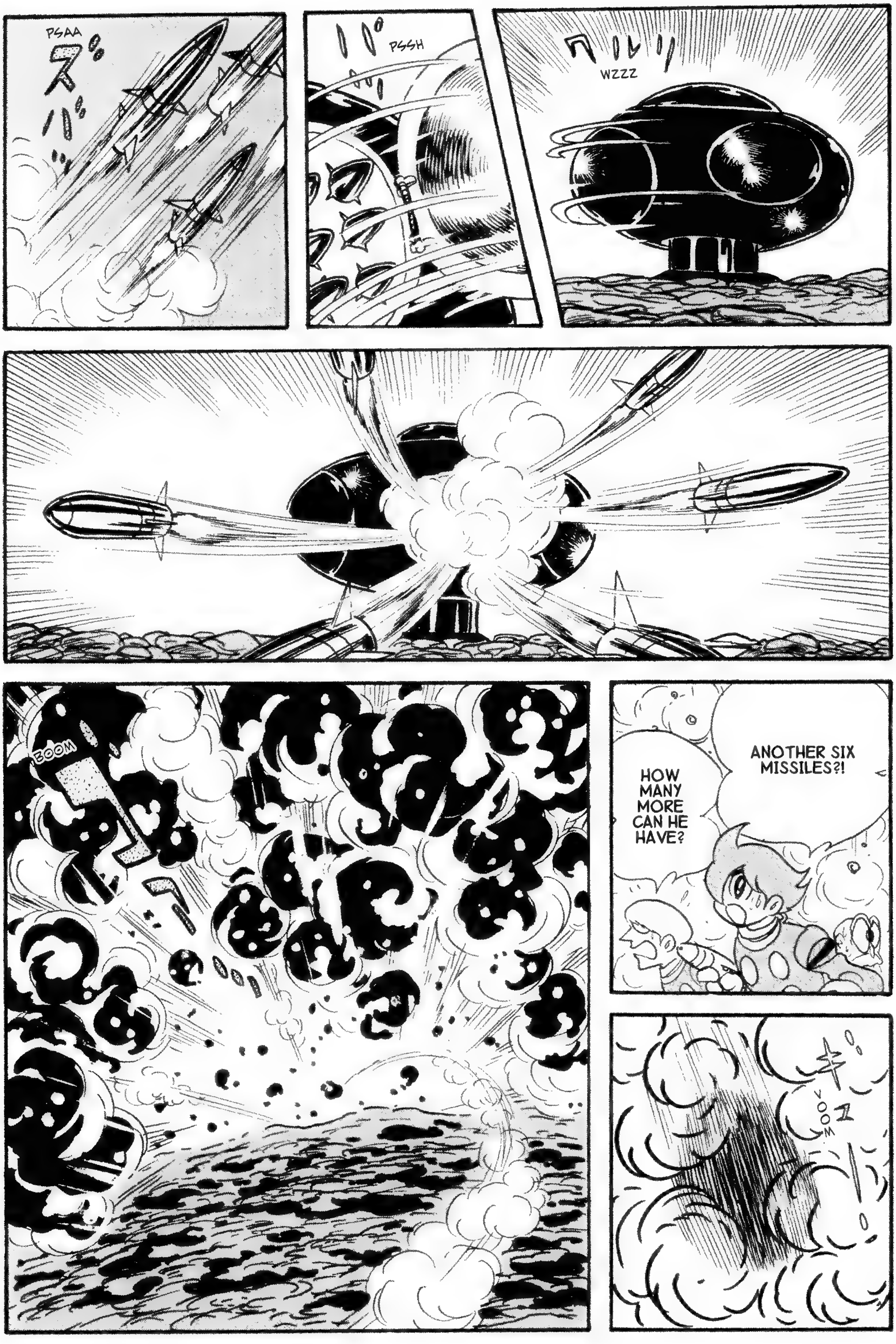
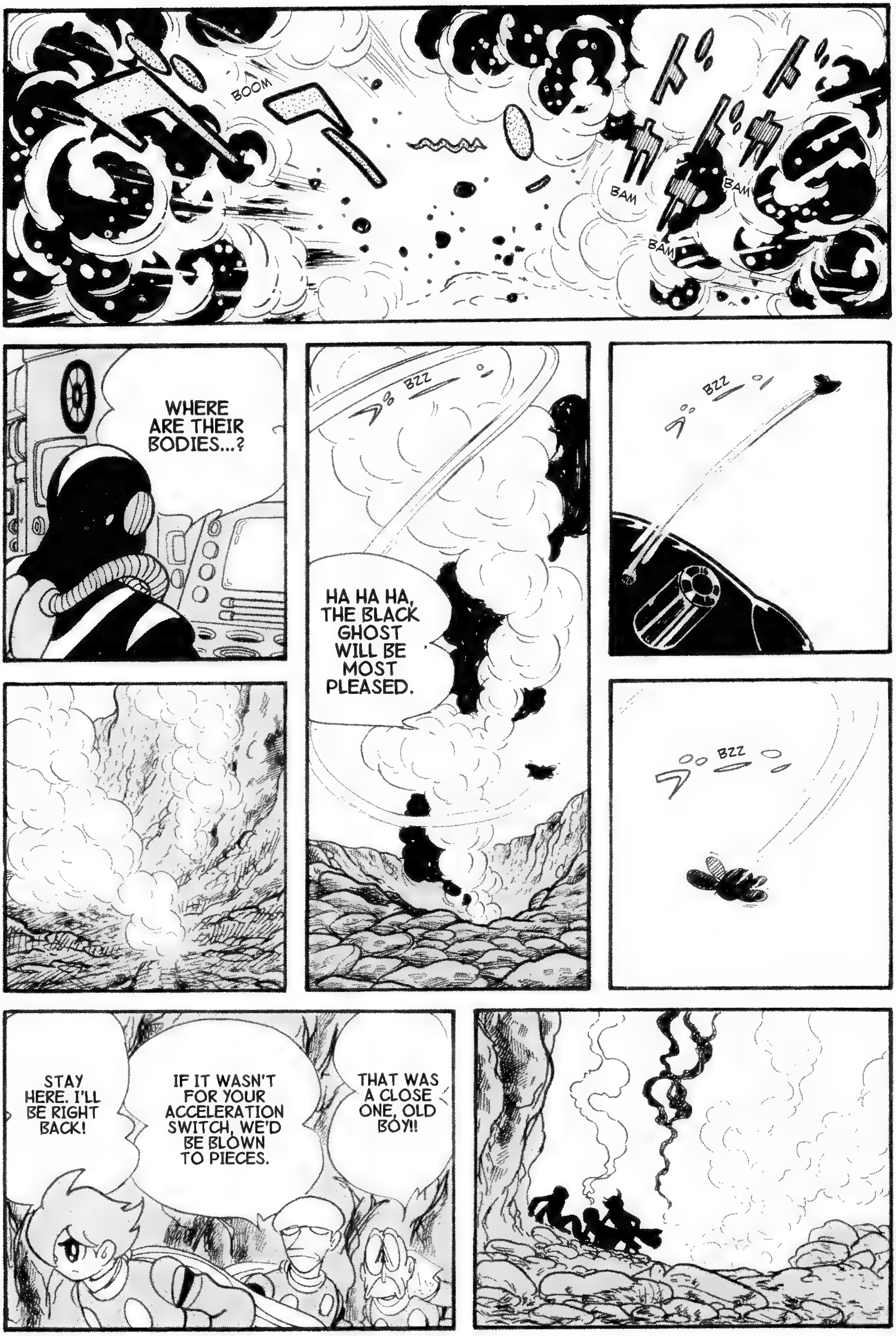
GA
GA
VUUM

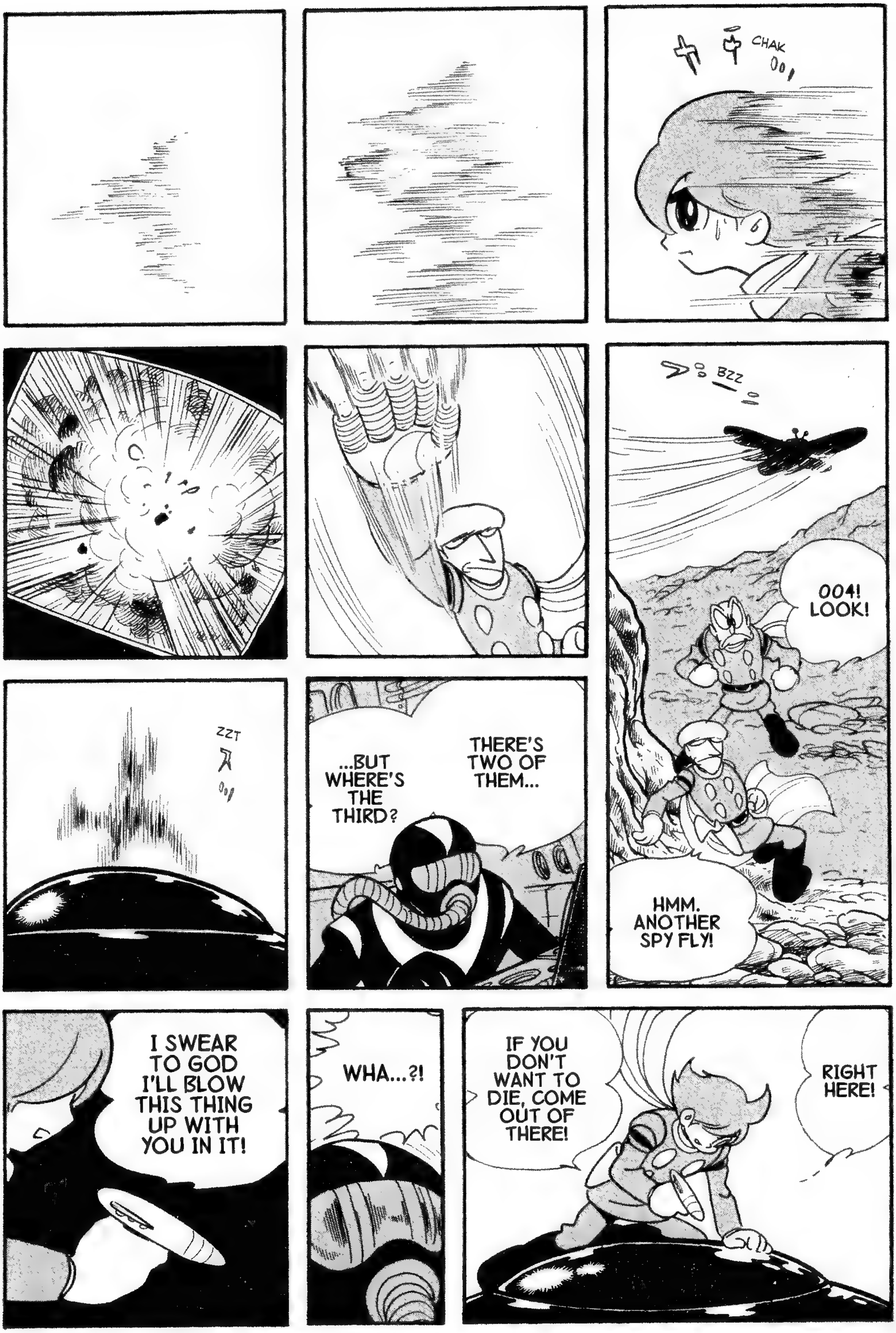

WOW! DO YOU THINK HE HAS IT IN FOR US?
IF WE SURVIVED THOSE BOMBS, I THINK WE CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING HE THROWS AT US.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE THAT TANK IS CAPABLE OF.
UNLIKE THOSE FIGHTER PILOTS, CYBORGMAN KNOWS OUR ABILITIES.
THAT ALONE MAKES HIM MORE DANGEROUS THAN REGULAR SOLDIERS.
PSSH
シュポン
ブ BZZ
BZZ
ブ BZZ
HUH...?

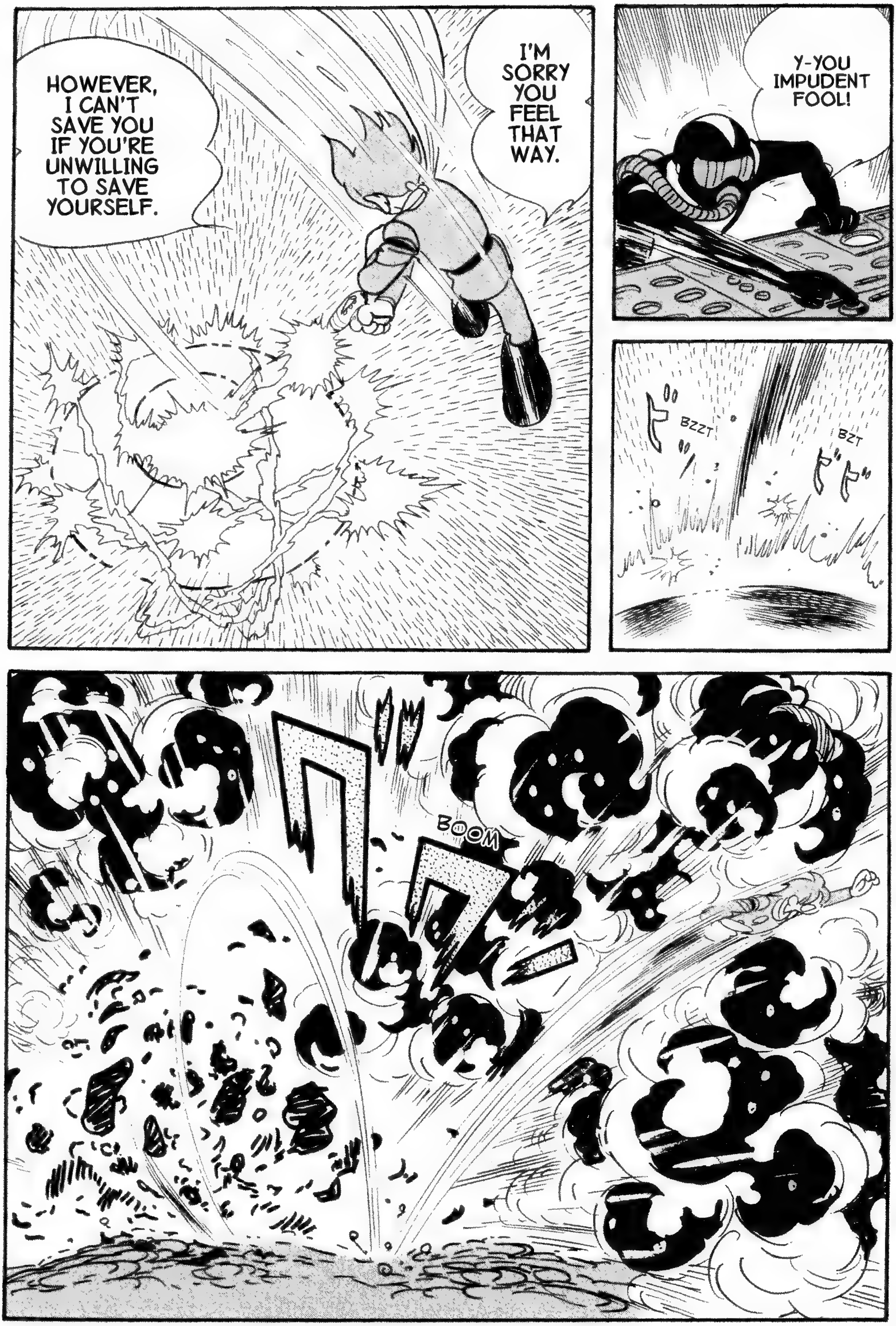

HEH HEH HEH.
DAMN!
HE KNOWS OUR EXACT LOCATION.
HE'S GETTING READY TO FIRE.
I HAVE YOU NOW.
カチ CHAK
DA
DA
DA
PSSH
スー PSAA
ギュー VOOM


OH NO! GUIDED MISSILES!
WSSH
SHOOT THEM OUT OF THE SKY!
BLAM
BOOM


PSAA
PSSH
WZZZ
BOOM
ANOTHER SIX MISSILES?!
HOW MANY MORE CAN HE HAVE?
VOOM


BAM
BAM
BAM
BOOM
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
HA HA HA, THE BLACK GHOST WILL BE MOST PLEASED.
WHERE ARE THEIR BODIES...?
THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE, OLD BOY!!
IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR ACCELERATION SWITCH, WE'D BE BLOWN TO PIECES.
STAY HERE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!


CHAK
BZZ
004! LOOK!
HMM. ANOTHER SPY FLY!
THERE'S TWO OF THEM...
...BUT WHERE'S THE THIRD?
ZZT
RIGHT HERE!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, COME OUT OF THERE!
WHA...?!
I SWEAR TO GOD I'LL BLOW THIS THING UP WITH YOU IN IT!


Y-YOU IMPUDENT FOOL!
ドド BZT
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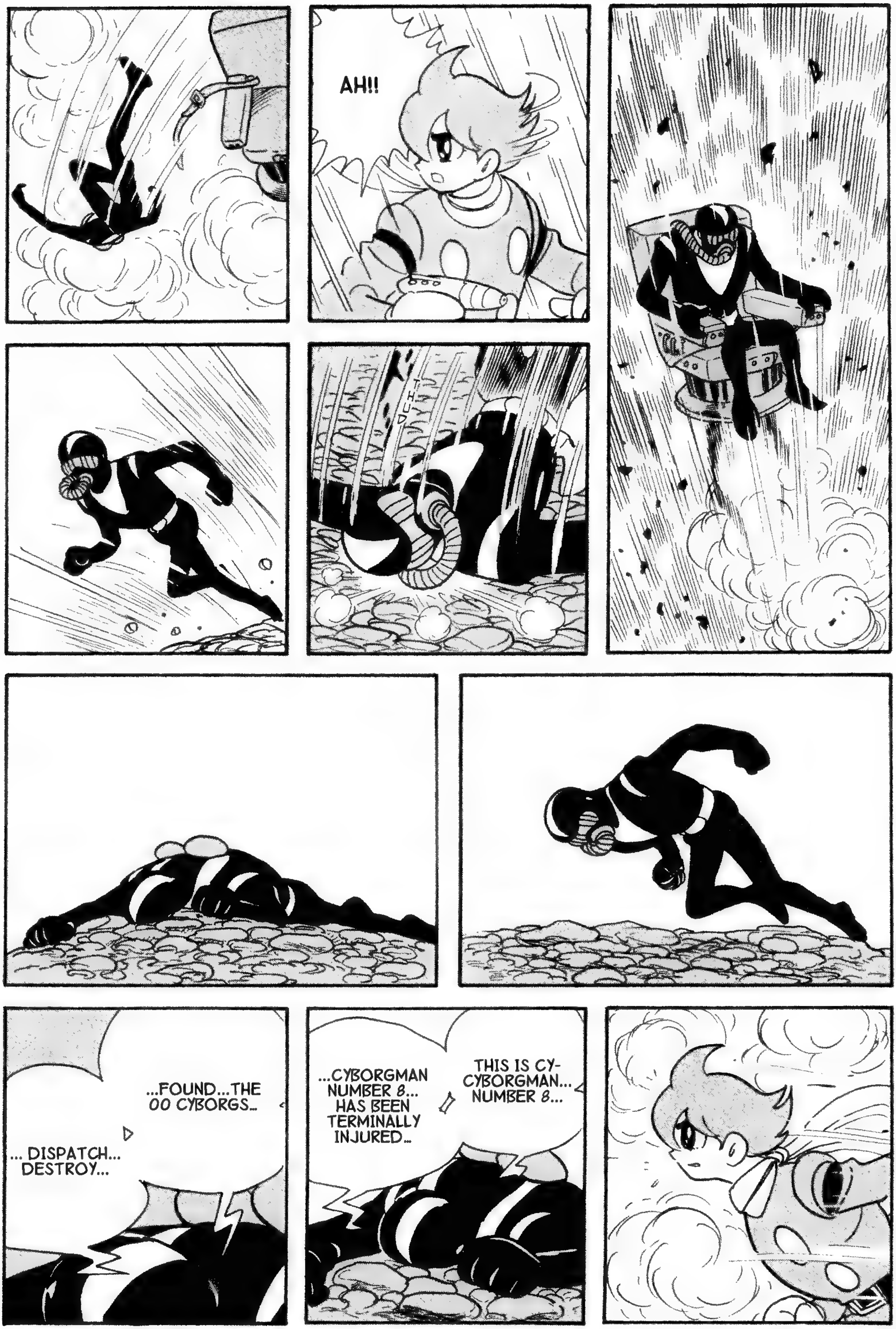
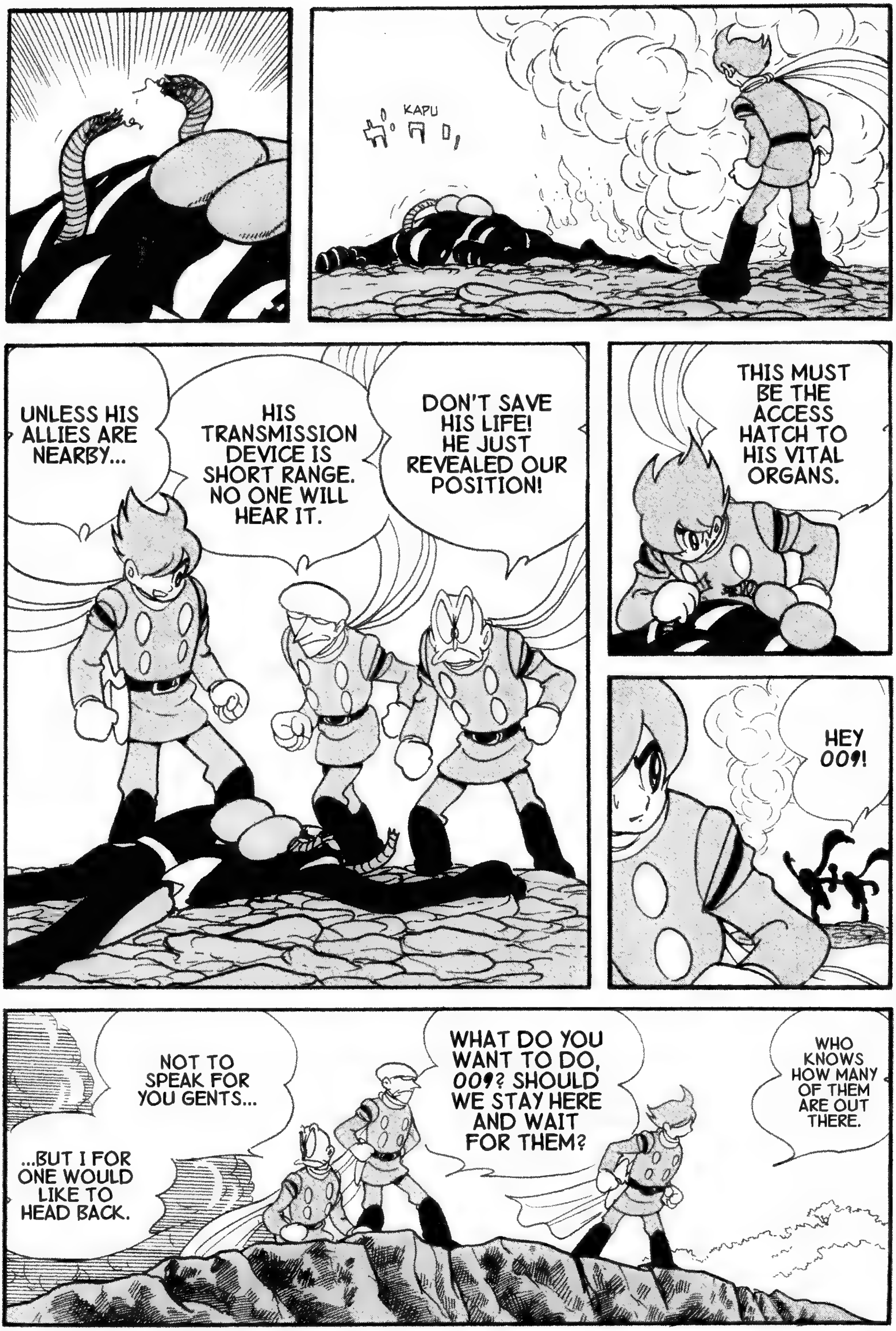
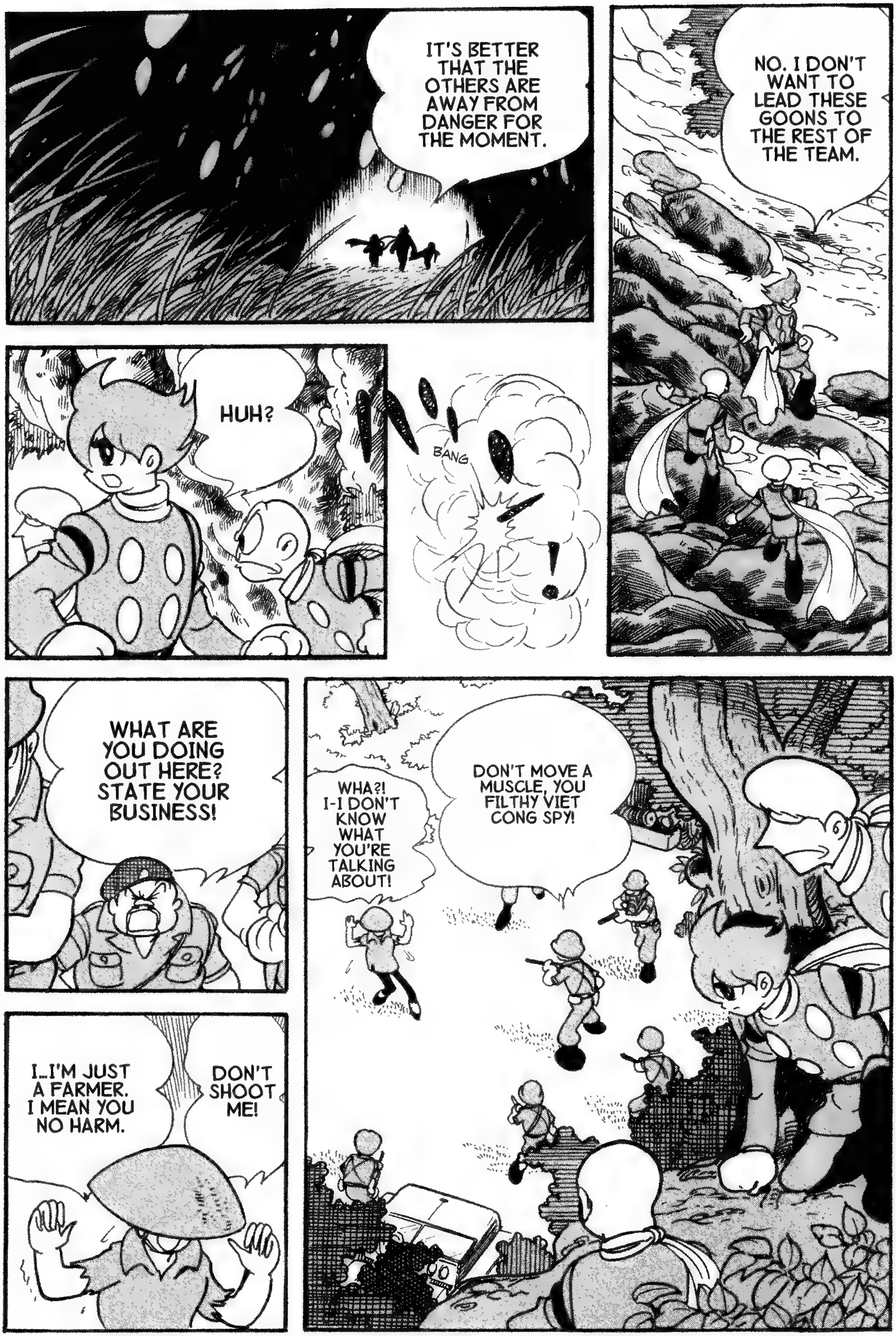
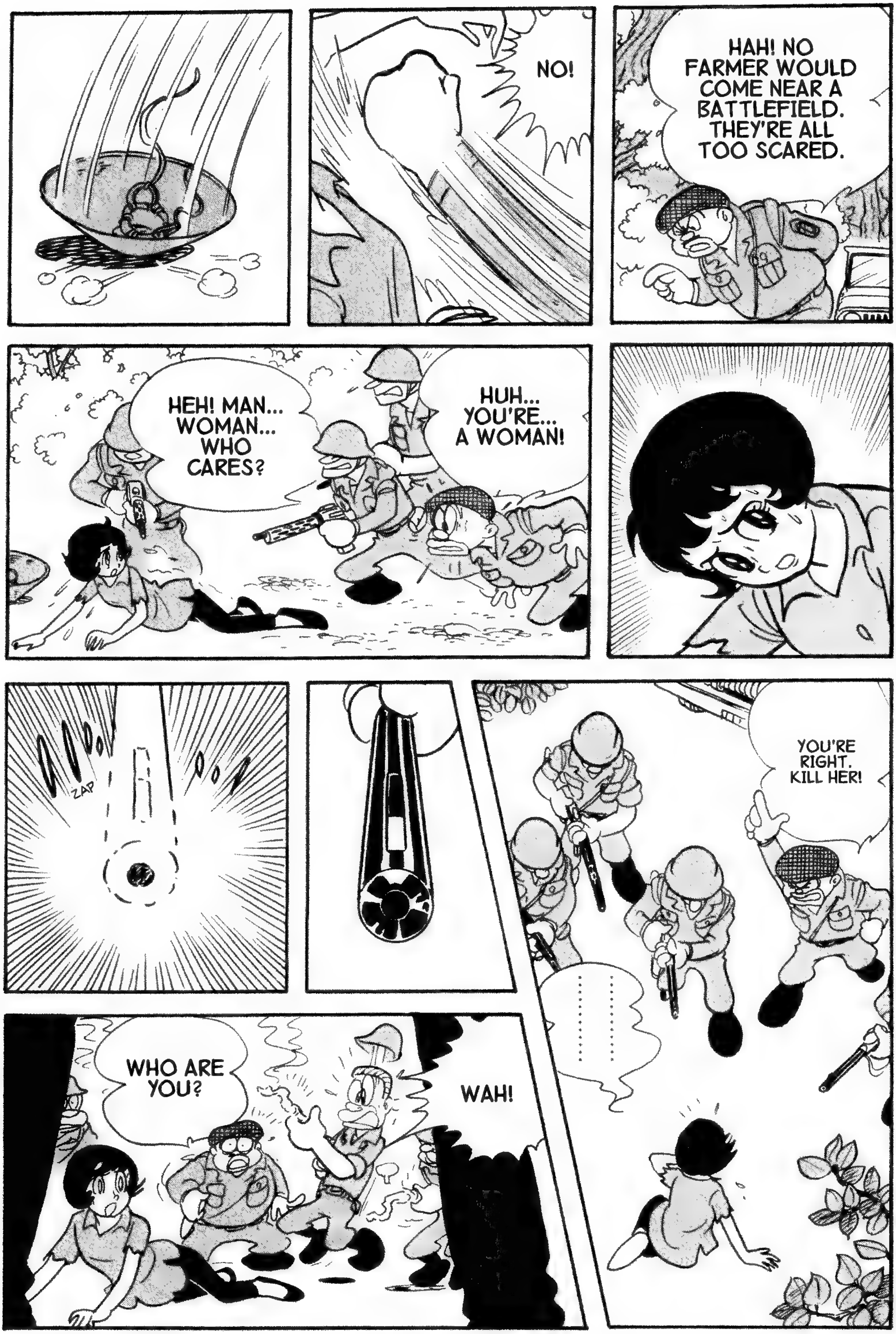
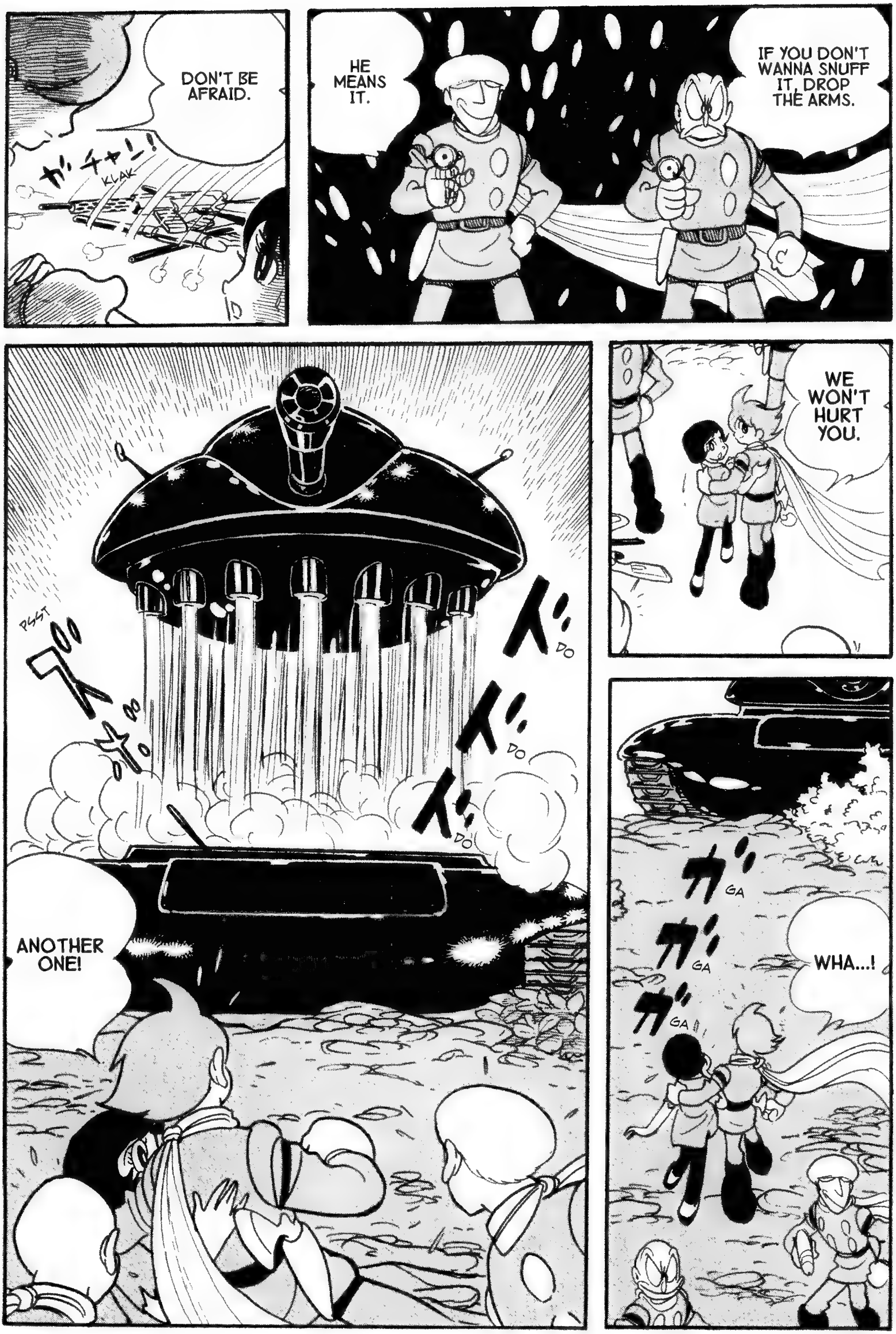
I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY.
HOWEVER, I CAN'T SAVE YOU IF YOU'RE UNWILLING TO SAVE YOURSELF.
BOOM


AH!!
THUD
THIS IS CY- CYBORGMAN... NUMBER 8...
...CYBORGMAN NUMBER 8... HAS BEEN TERMINALLY INJURED...
...FOUND...THE 00 CYBORGS...
... DISPATCH... DESTROY...


KAPU
THIS MUST BE THE ACCESS HATCH TO HIS VITAL ORGANS.
HEY 009!
DON'T SAVE HIS LIFE! HE JUST REVEALED OUR POSITION!
HIS TRANSMISSION DEVICE IS SHORT RANGE. NO ONE WILL HEAR IT.
UNLESS HIS ALLIES ARE NEARBY...
WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OF THEM ARE OUT THERE.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO, 009? SHOULD WE STAY HERE AND WAIT FOR THEM?
NOT TO SPEAK FOR YOU GENTS...
...BUT I FOR ONE WOULD LIKE TO HEAD BACK.


IT'S BETTER THAT THE OTHERS ARE AWAY FROM DANGER FOR THE MOMENT.
NO. I DON'T WANT TO LEAD THESE GOONS TO THE REST OF THE TEAM.
HUH?
BANG
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE? STATE YOUR BUSINESS!
I..I'M JUST A FARMER. I MEAN YOU NO HARM.
DON'T SHOOT ME!
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE, YOU FILTHY VIET CONG SPY!
WHA?! I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!


HAH! NO FARMER WOULD COME NEAR A BATTLEFIELD. THEY'RE ALL TOO SCARED.
NO!
HUH... YOU'RE... A WOMAN!
HEH! MAN... WOMAN... WHO CARES?
YOU'RE RIGHT. KILL HER!
......
ZAP
WAH!
WHO ARE YOU?


IF YOU DON'T WANNA SNUFF IT, DROP THE ARMS.
HE MEANS IT.
ガチャン!
KLAK
DON'T BE AFRAID.
WE WON'T HURT YOU.
ガ GA
ガ GA
ガ GA
WHA...!
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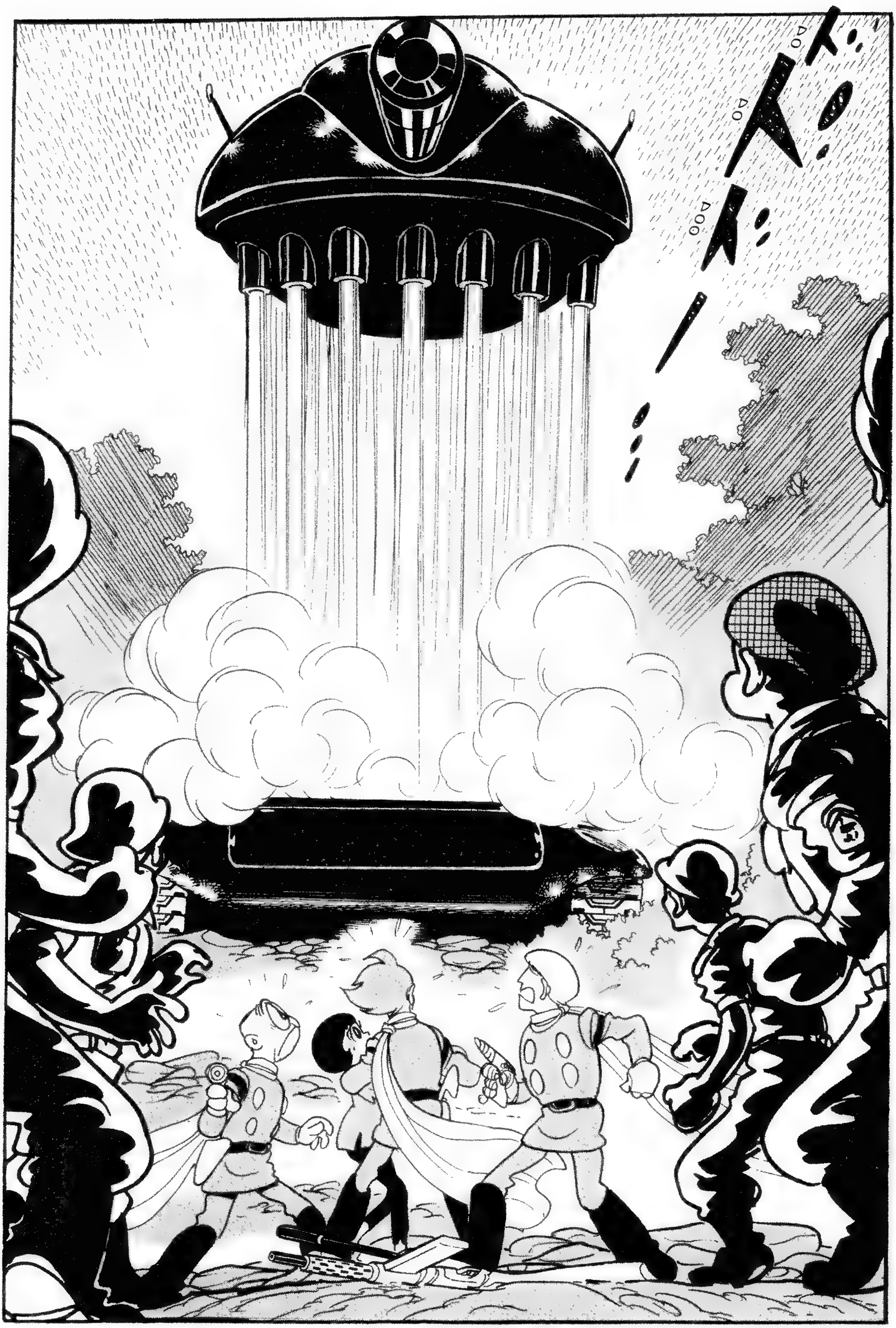
プシュ PSST
ANOTHER ONE!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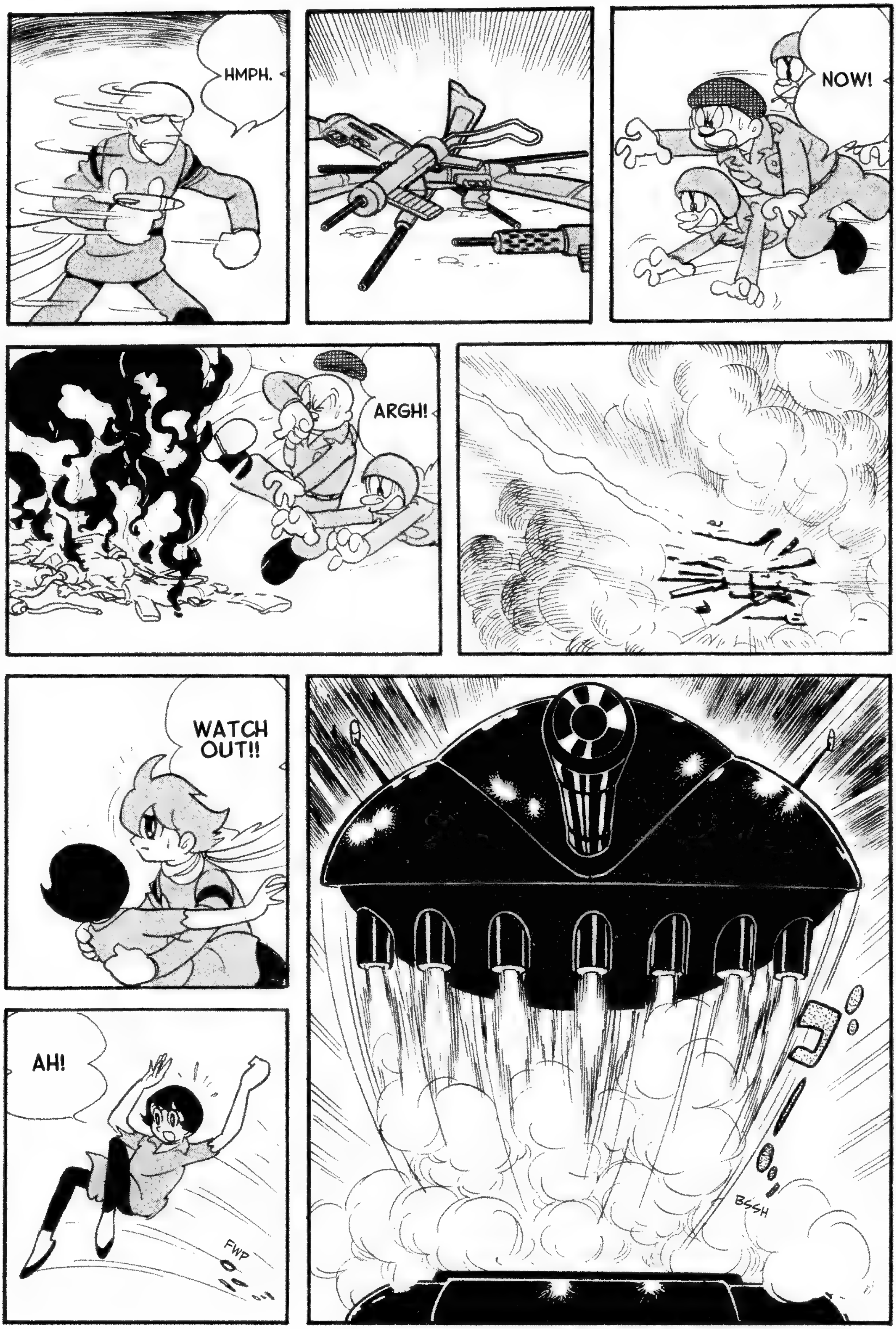
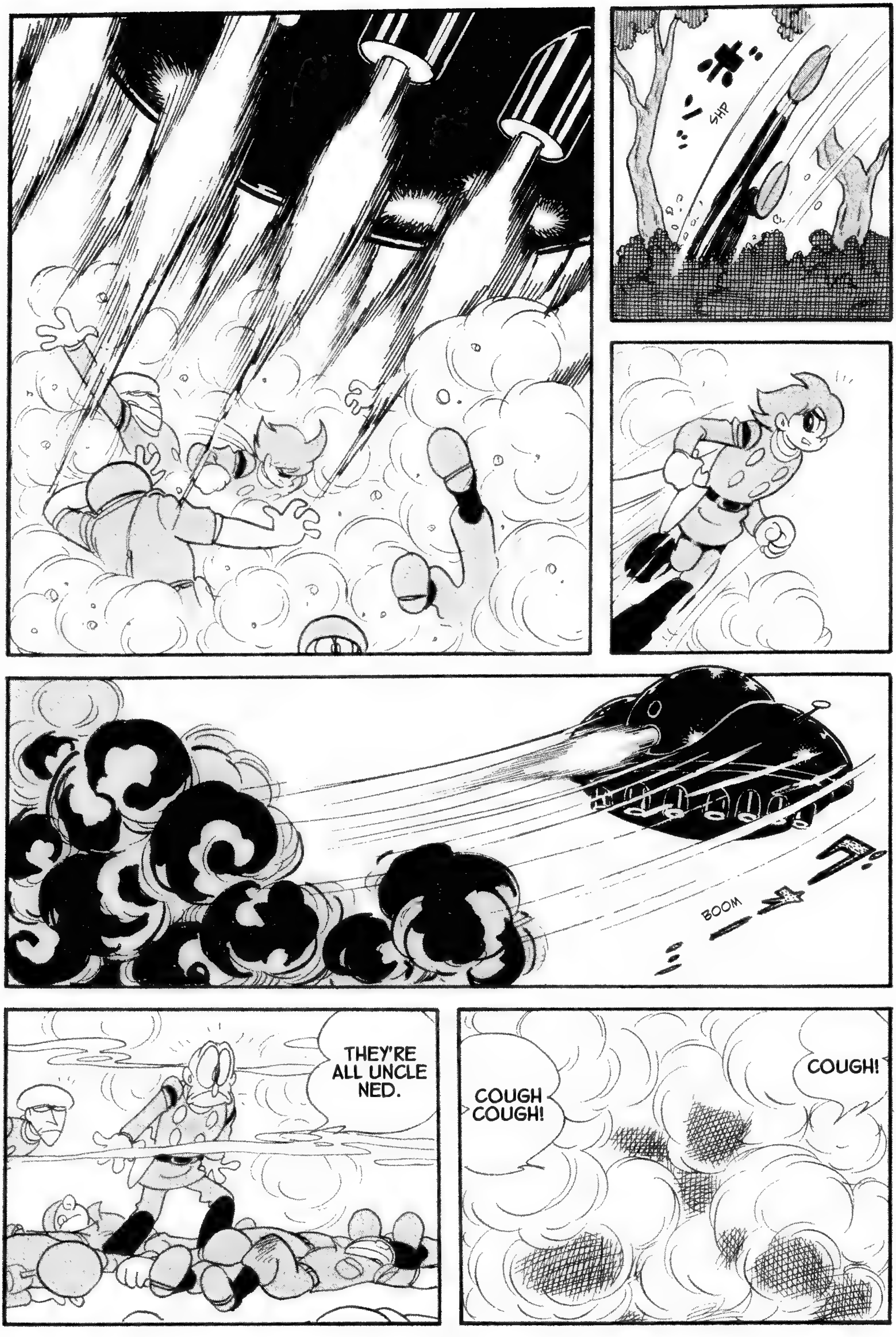
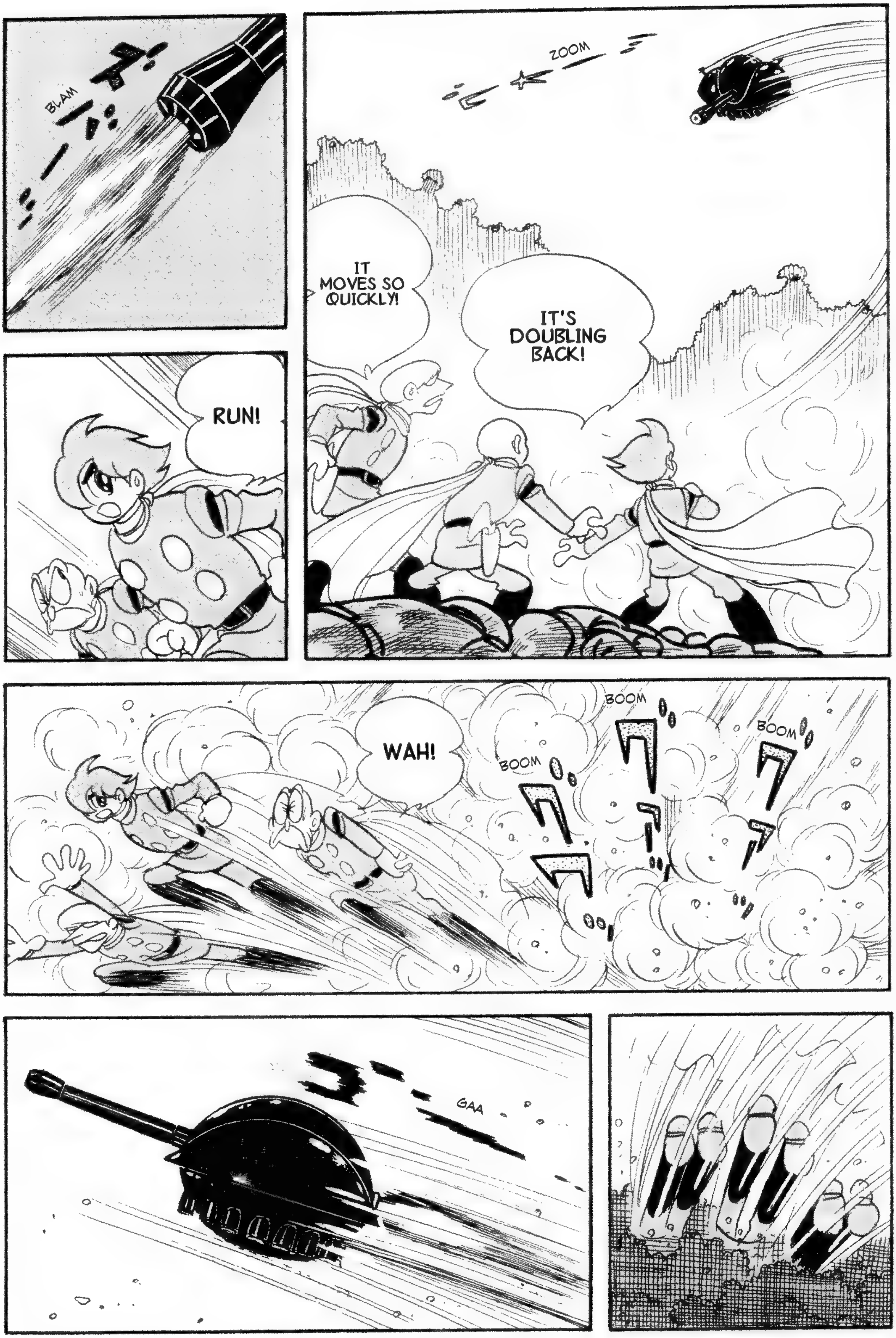
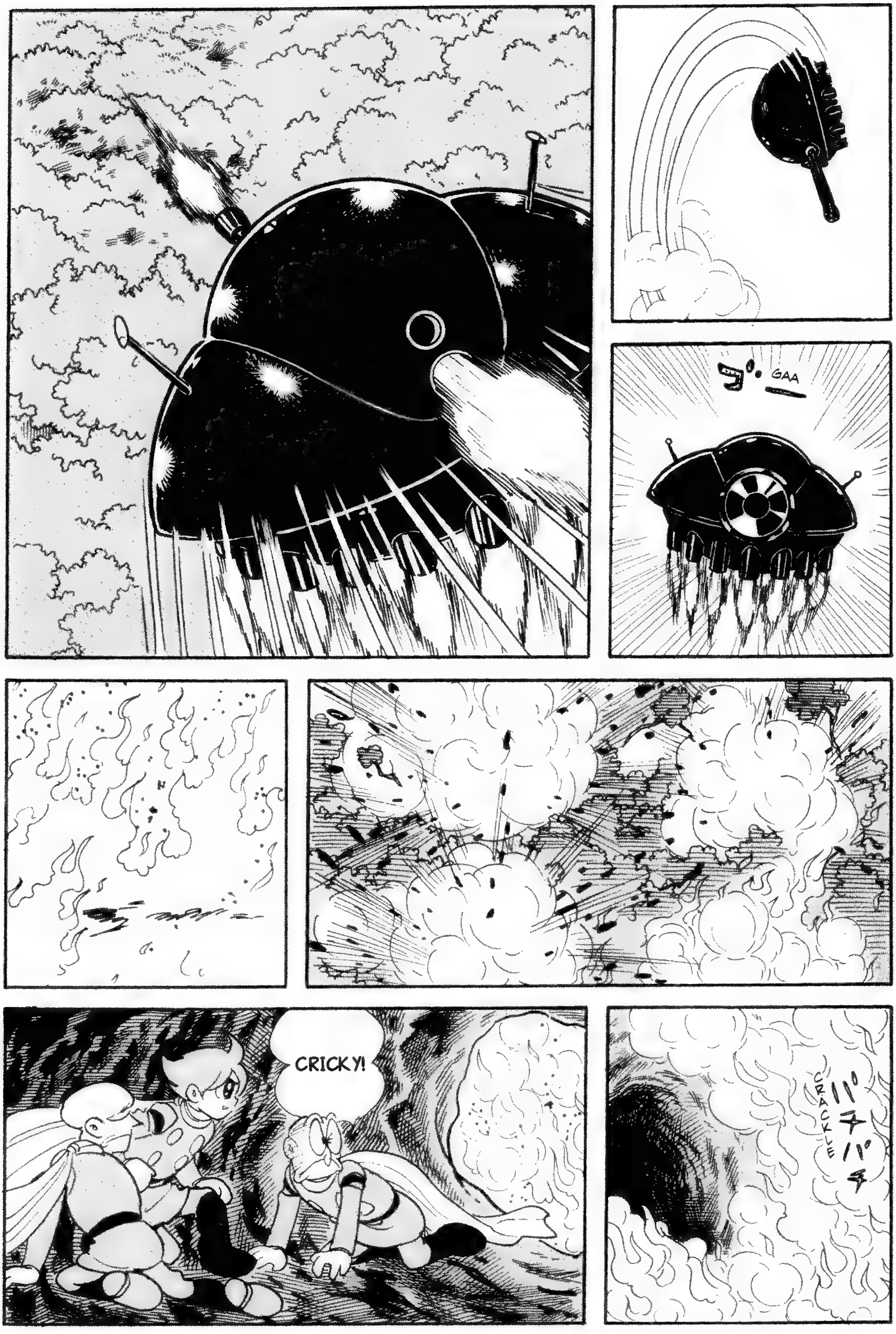

HMPH.
NOW!
ARGH!
WATCH OUT!!
AH!
FWP
BSSH


SHP
BOOM
THEY'RE ALL UNCLE NED.
COUGH COUGH!
COUGH!


BLAM
ZOOM
IT MOVES SO QUICKLY!
IT'S DOUBLING BACK!
RUN!
WAH!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GAA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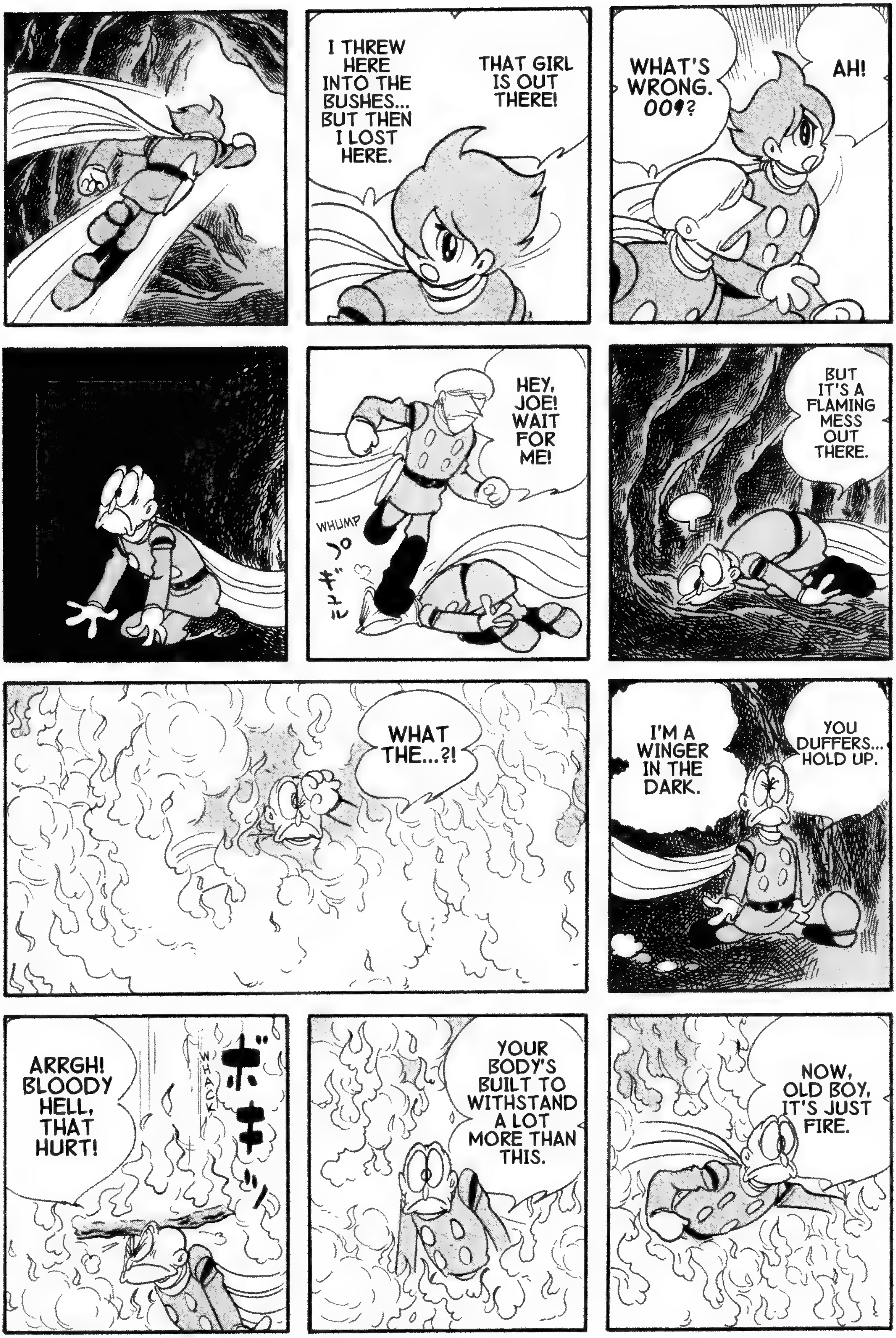
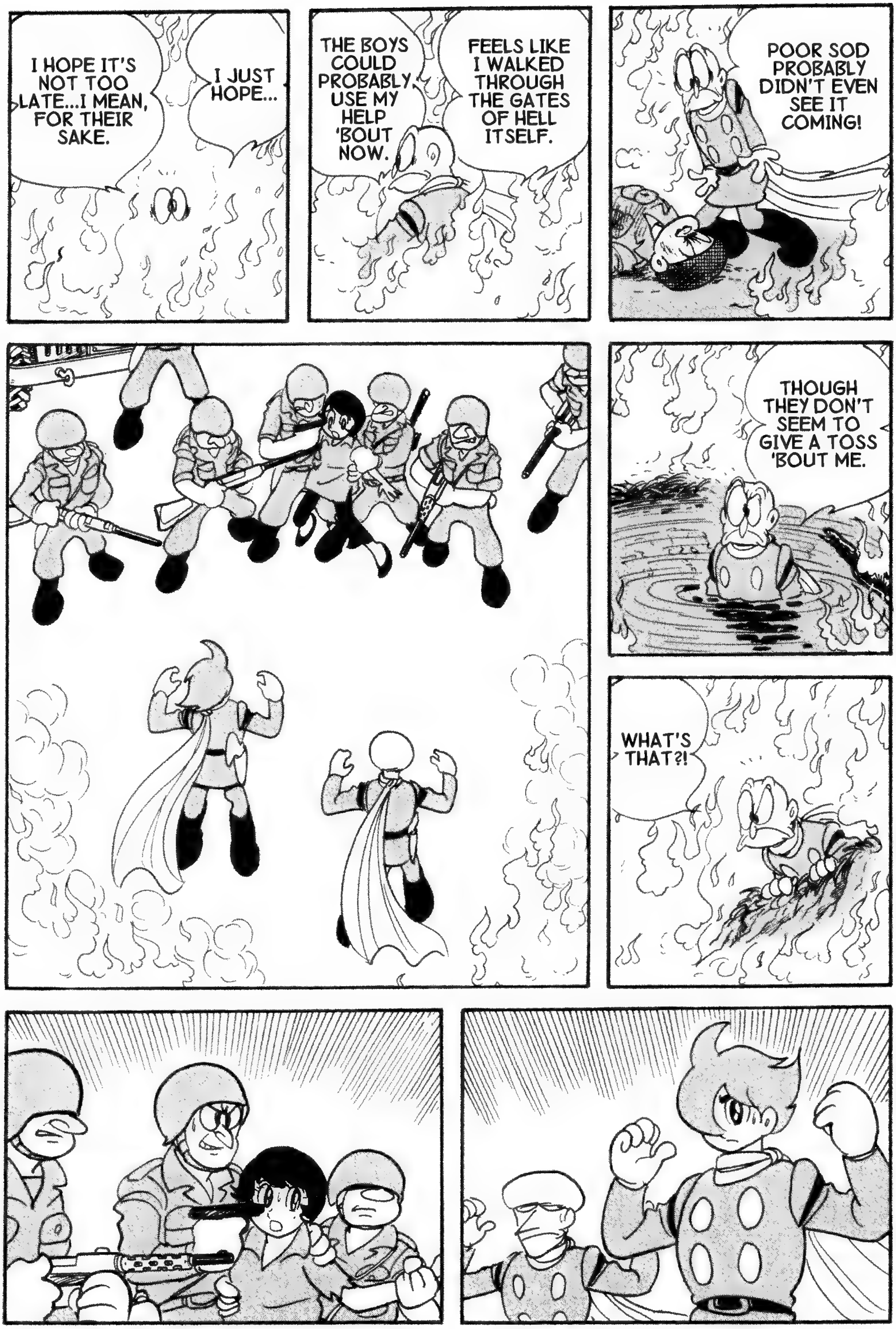
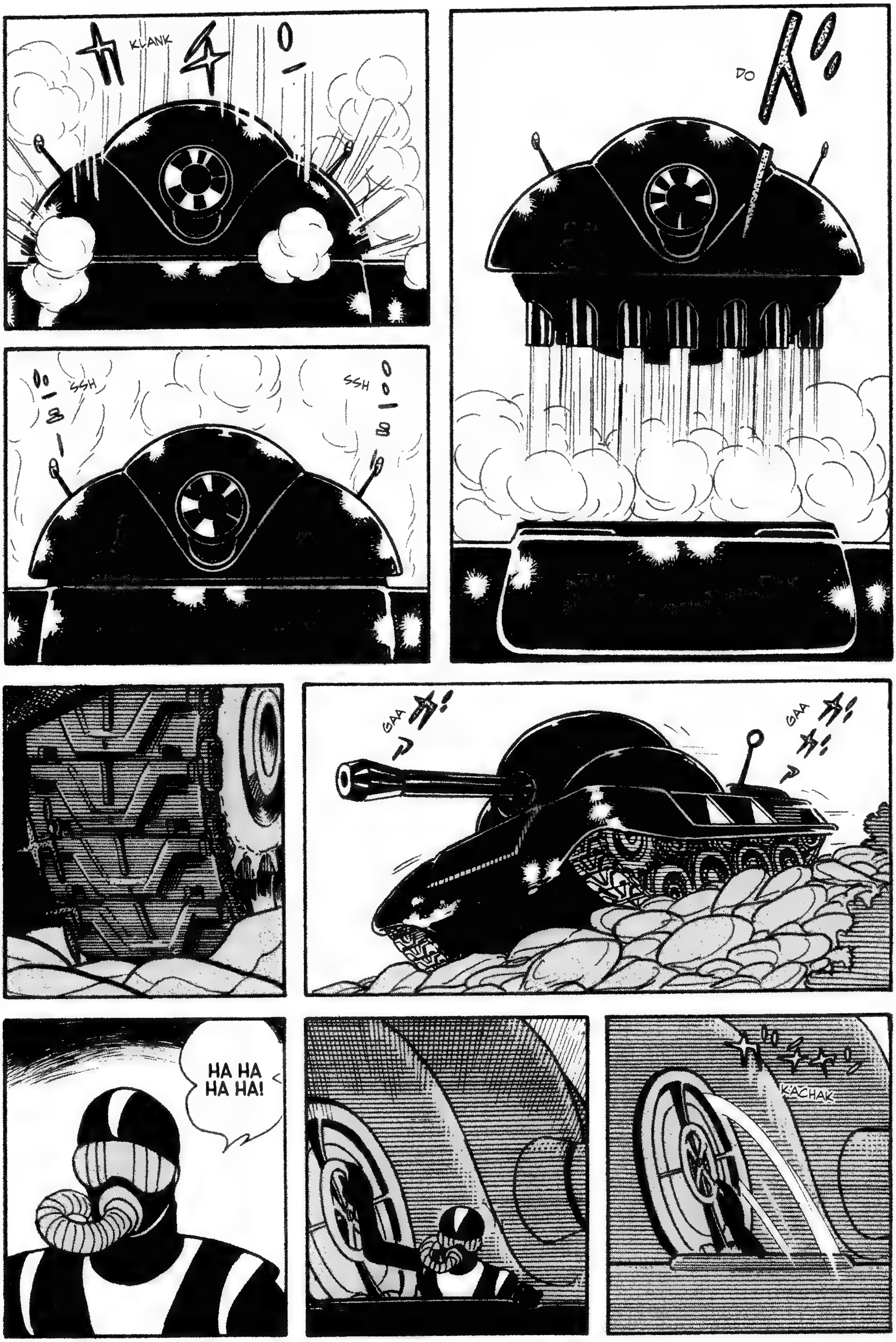
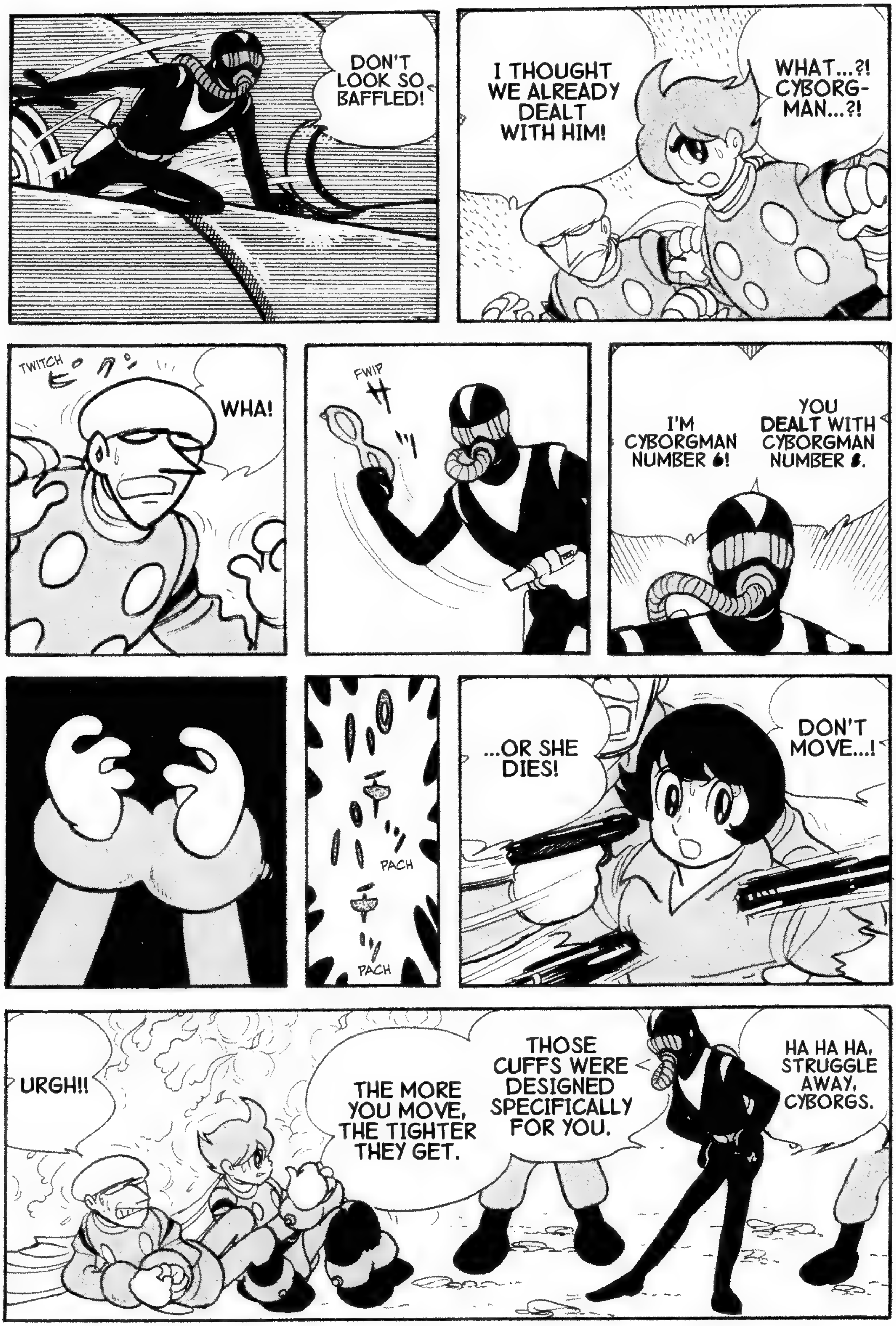
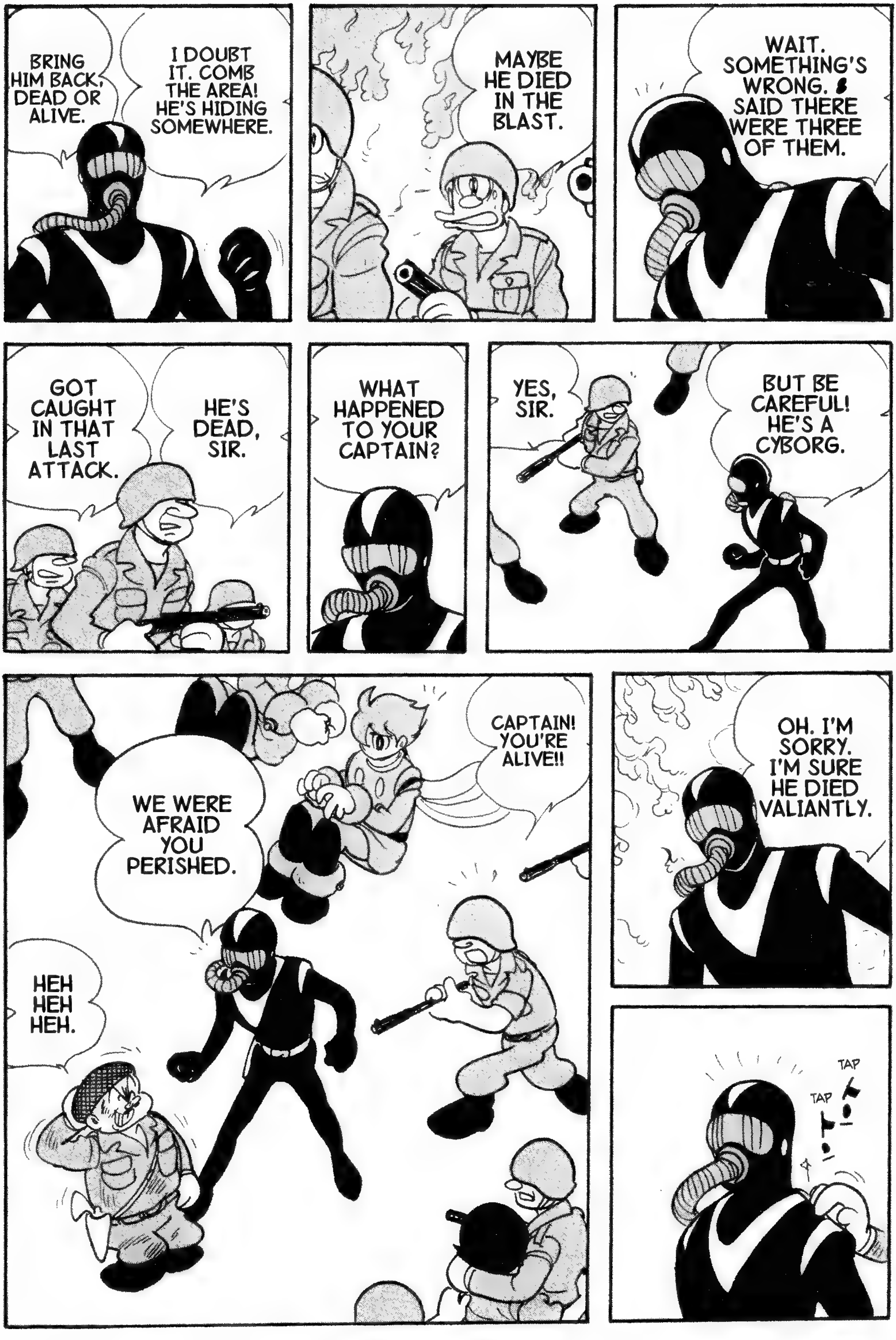
GAA
パチパチ
CRACKLE
CRICKY!

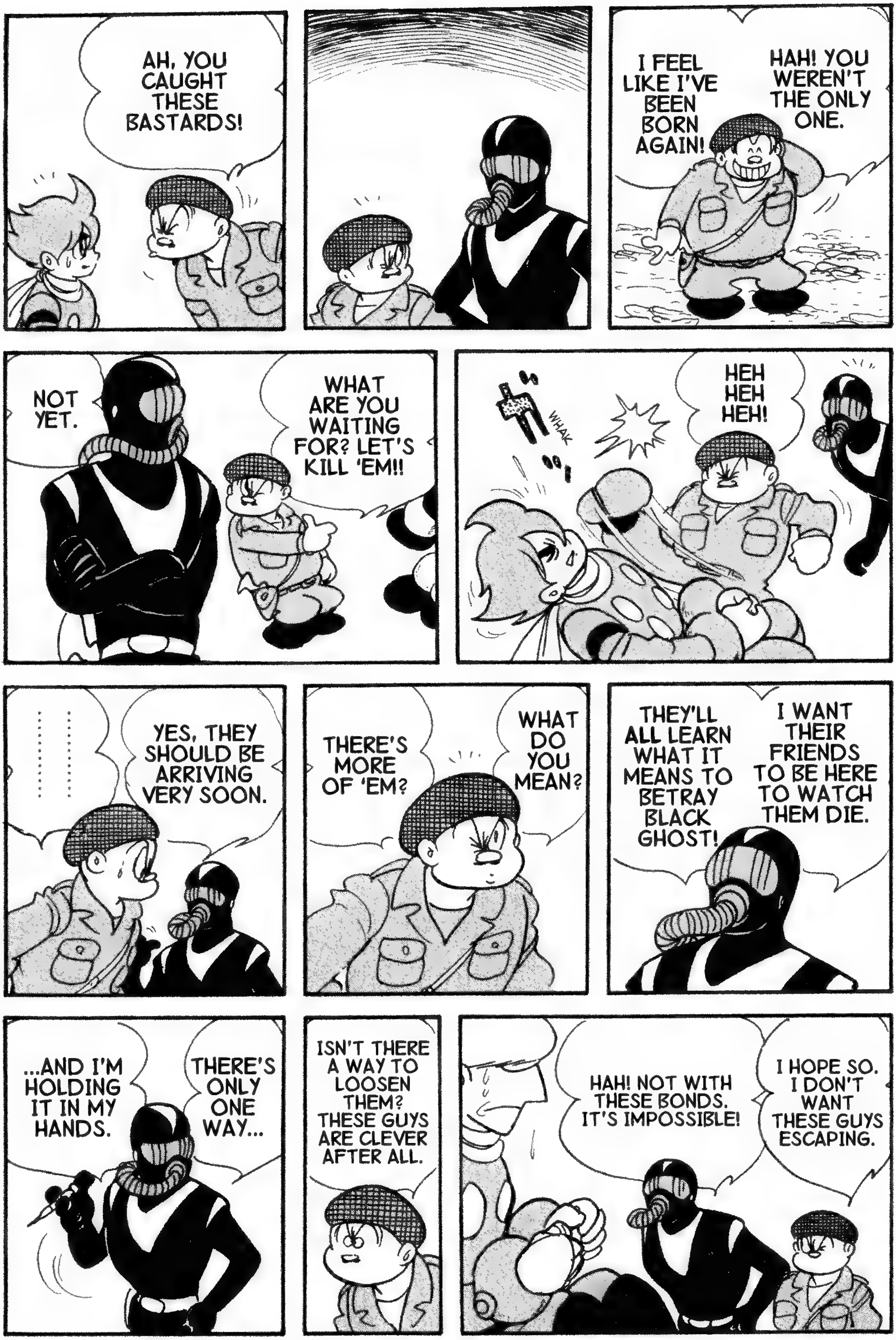

I THREW HERE INTO THE BUSHES... BUT THEN I LOST HERE.
THAT GIRL IS OUT THERE!
WHAT'S WRONG. 009?
AH!
HEY, JOE! WAIT FOR ME!
WHUMP
ゴロ
ギュル
BUT IT'S A FLAMING MESS OUT THERE.
WHAT THE...?!
I'M A WINGER IN THE DARK.
YOU DUFFERS... HOLD UP.
ARRGH! BLOODY HELL, THAT HURT!
WHACK!
ボキッ
YOUR BODY'S BUILT TO WITHSTAND A LOT MORE THAN THIS.
NOW, OLD BOY, IT'S JUST FIRE.

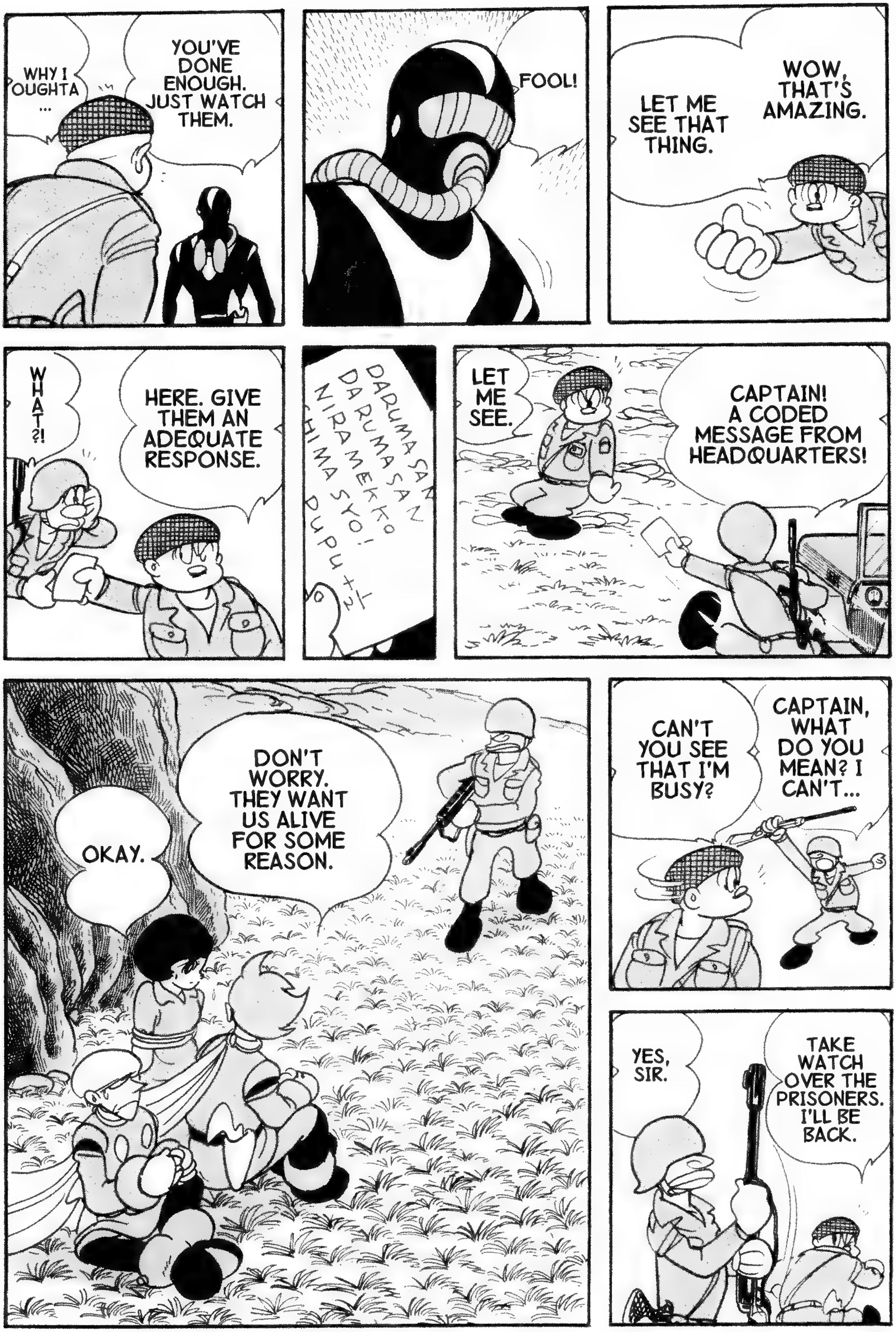

POOR SOD PROBABLY DIDN'T EVEN SEE IT COMING!
FEELS LIKE I WALKED THROUGH THE GATES OF HELL ITSELF.
THE BOYS COULD PROBABLY USE MY HELP 'BOUT NOW.
I JUST HOPE...
I HOPE IT'S NOT TOO LATE...I MEAN, FOR THEIR SAKE.
THOUGH THEY DON'T SEEM TO GIVE A TOSS 'BOUT ME.
WHAT'S THAT?!

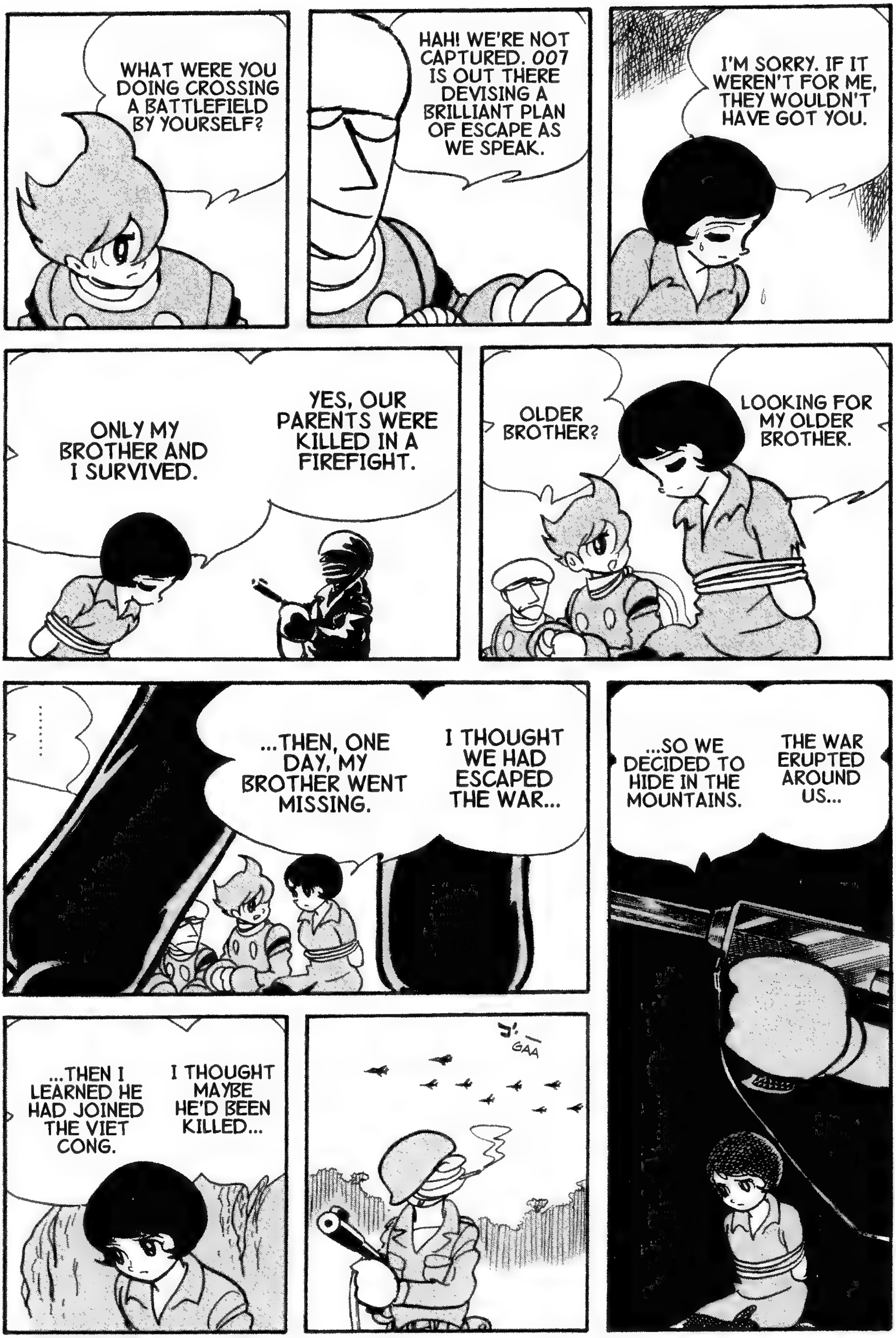

KLANK
SSH
SSH
DO
GAA
GAA
HA HA HA HA!
KACHAK


DON'T LOOK SO BAFFLED!
WHAT...?! CYBORG-MAN...?!
I THOUGHT WE ALREADY DEALT WITH HIM!
TWITCH ピクン
WHA!
FWIP
YOU DEALT WITH CYBORGMAN NUMBER 8.
I'M CYBORGMAN NUMBER 6!
PACH
PACH
DON'T MOVE...!
...OR SHE DIES!
HA HA HA, STRUGGLE AWAY, CYBORGS.
THOSE CUFFS WERE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR YOU.
THE MORE YOU MOVE, THE TIGHTER THEY GET.
URGH!!


BRING HIM BACK, DEAD OR ALIVE.
I DOUBT IT. COMB THE AREA! HE'S HIDING SOMEWHERE.
MAYBE HE DIED IN THE BLAST.
WAIT. SOMETHING'S WRONG. [illegible] SAID THERE WERE THREE OF THEM.
GOT CAUGHT IN THAT LAST ATTACK.
HE'S DEAD, SIR.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CAPTAIN?
YES, SIR.
BUT BE CAREFUL! HE'S A CYBORG.
CAPTAIN! YOU'RE ALIVE!!
WE WERE AFRAID YOU PERISHED.
HEH HEH HEH.
OH. I'M SORRY. I'M SURE HE DIED VALIANTLY.
TAP
TAP


AH, YOU CAUGHT THESE BASTARDS!
HAH! YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN BORN AGAIN!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? LET'S KILL 'EM!!
NOT YET.
WHAK
HEH HEH HEH!
YES, THEY SHOULD BE ARRIVING VERY SOON.
....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THERE'S MORE OF 'EM?
I WANT THEIR FRIENDS TO BE HERE TO WATCH THEM DIE.
THEY'LL ALL LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BETRAY BLACK GHOST!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY...
...AND I'M HOLDING IT IN MY HANDS.
ISN'T THERE A WAY TO LOOSEN THEM? THESE GUYS ARE CLEVER AFTER ALL.
I HOPE SO. I DON'T WANT THESE GUYS ESCAPING.
HAH! NOT WITH THESE BONDS. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!


WOW, THAT'S AMAZING.
LET ME SEE THAT THING.
FOOL!
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH. JUST WATCH THEM.
WHY I OUGHTA ...
CAPTAIN! A CODED MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS!
LET ME SEE.
DARUMASAN DARUMASAN NIRAMEKKO SHIMA SYO! DUPUPU + 1/2
HERE. GIVE THEM AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE.
WHAT?!
CAPTAIN, WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I CAN'T...
CAN'T YOU SEE THAT I'M BUSY?
TAKE WATCH OVER THE PRISONERS. I'LL BE BACK.
YES, SIR.
DON'T WORRY. THEY WANT US ALIVE FOR SOME REASON.
OKAY.


I'M SORRY. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE GOT YOU.
HAH! WE'RE NOT CAPTURED. 007 IS OUT THERE DEVISING A BRILLIANT PLAN OF ESCAPE AS WE SPEAK.
WHAT WERE YOU DOING CROSSING A BATTLEFIELD BY YOURSELF?
LOOKING FOR MY OLDER BROTHER.
OLDER BROTHER?
YES, OUR PARENTS WERE KILLED IN A FIREFIGHT.
ONLY MY BROTHER AND I SURVIVED.
THE WAR ERUPTED AROUND US...
...SO WE DECIDED TO HIDE IN THE MOUNTAINS.
I THOUGHT WE HAD ESCAPED THE WAR...
...THEN, ONE DAY, MY BROTHER WENT MISSING.
....
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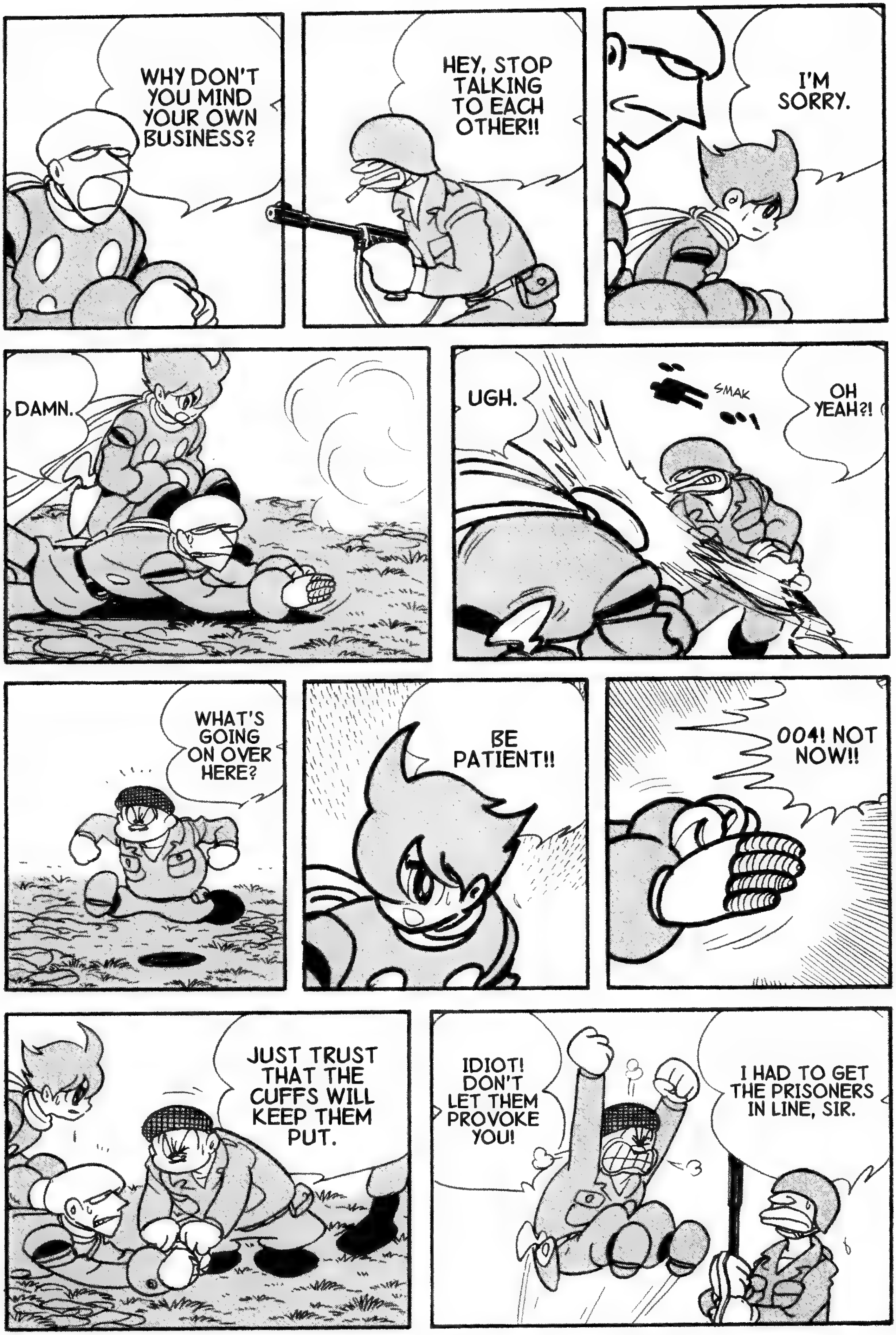
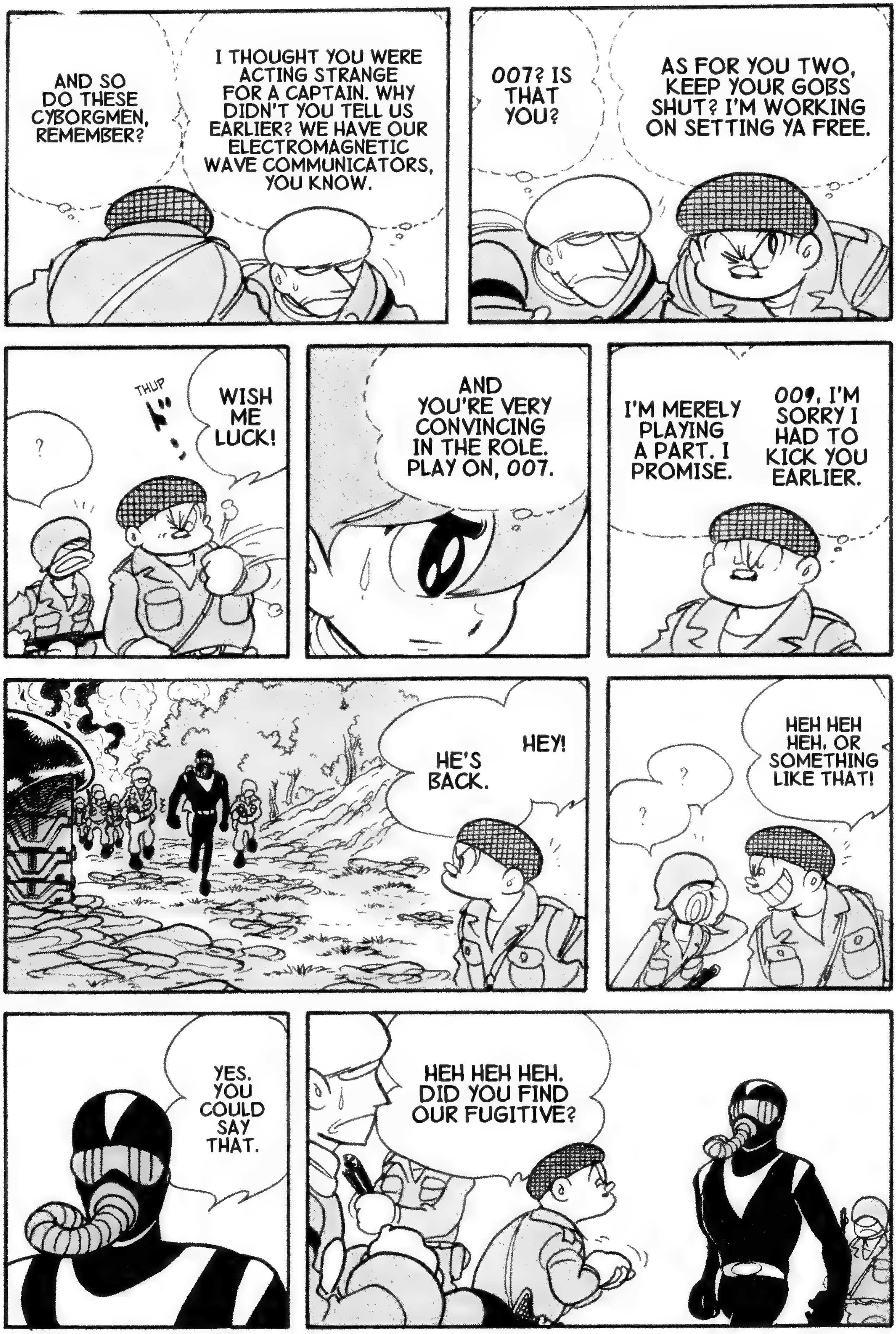
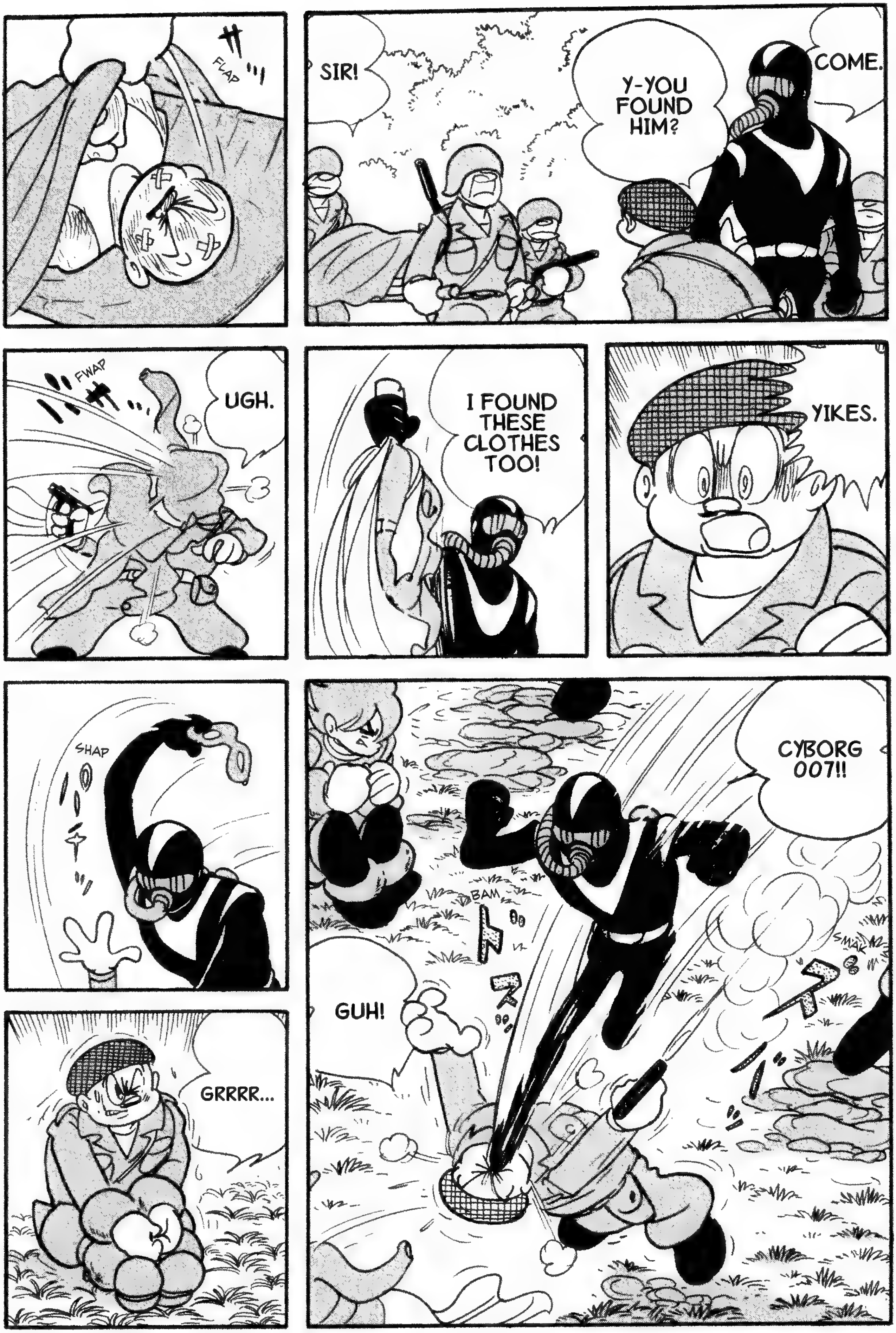
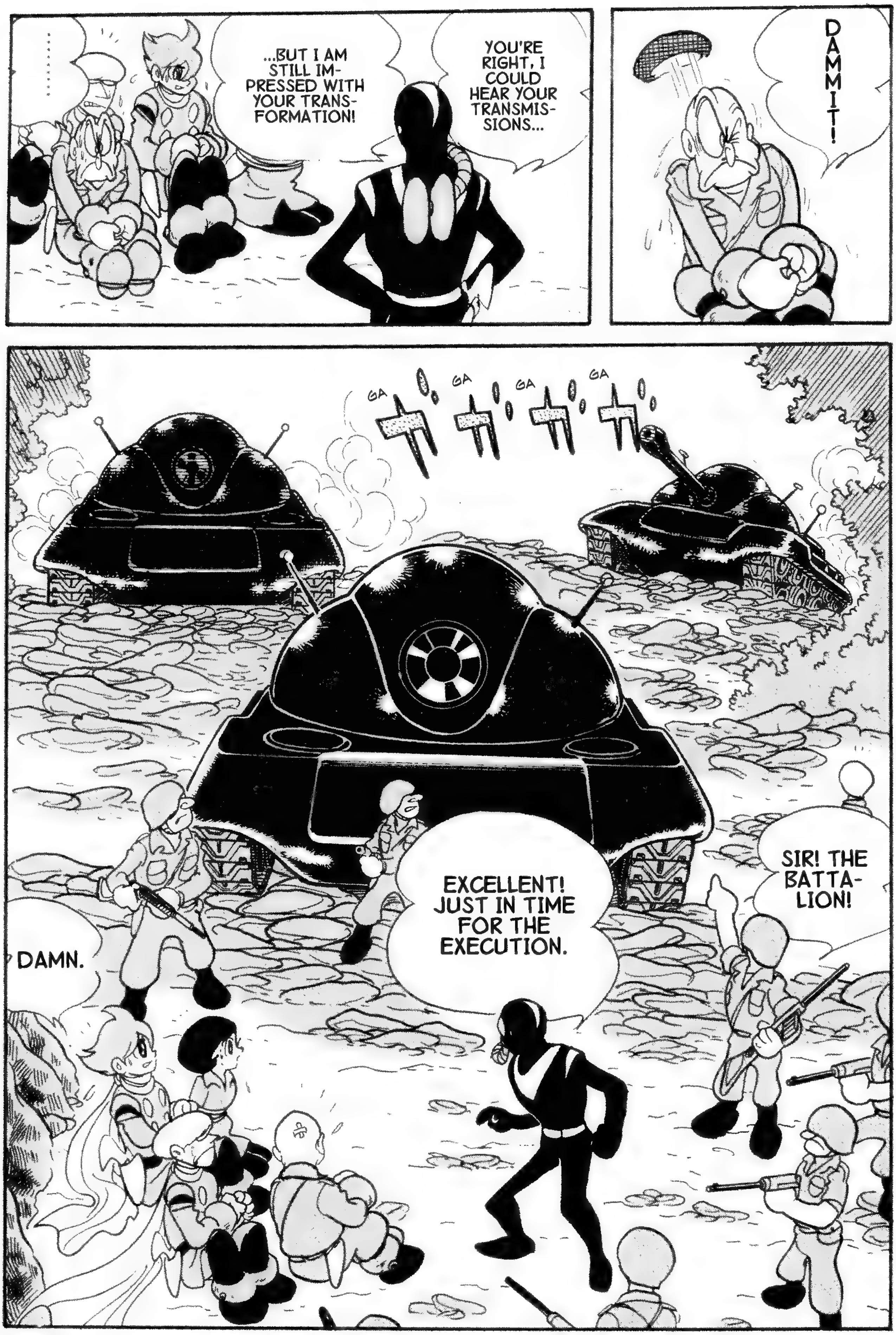
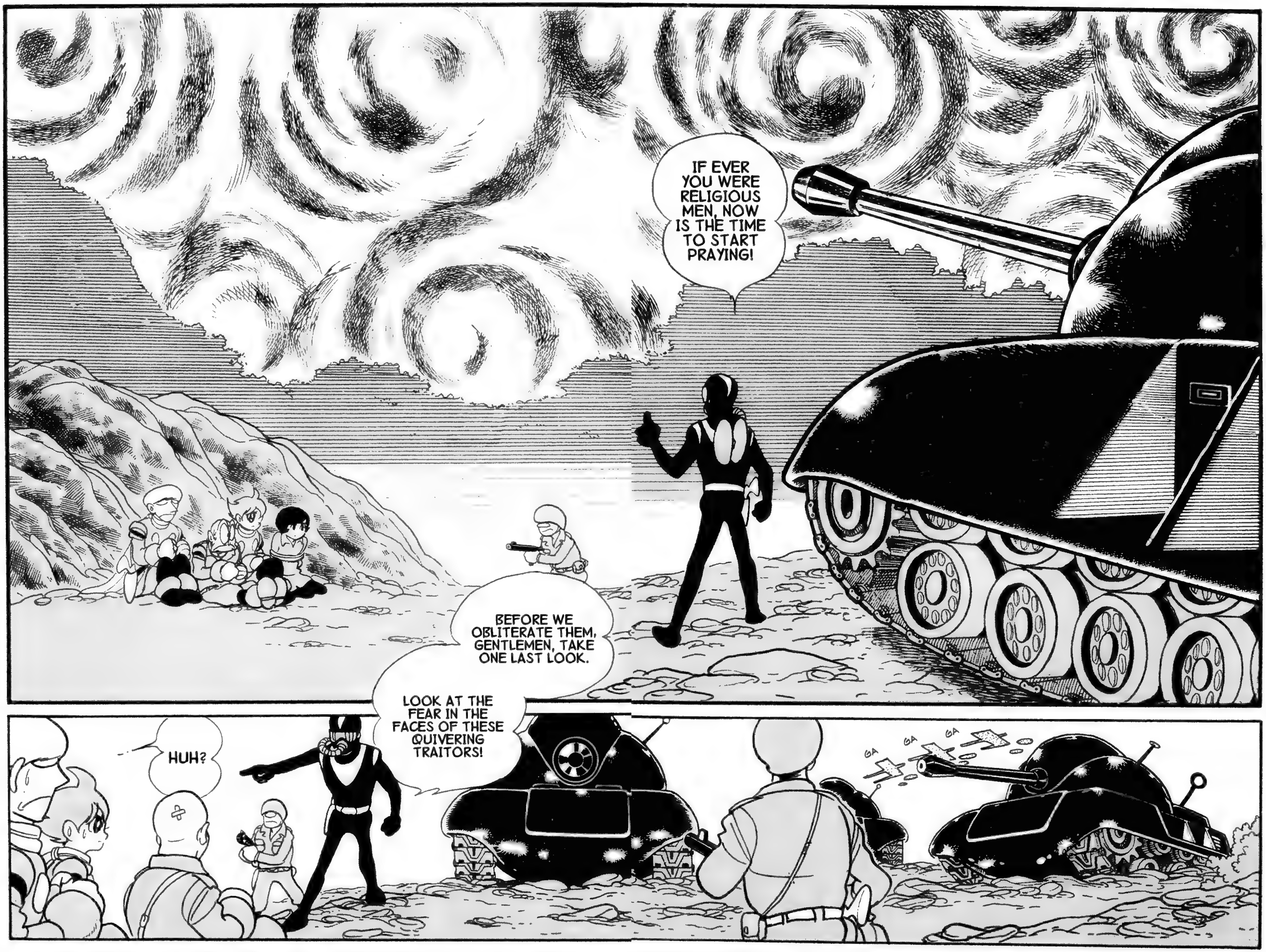
GAA
I THOUGHT MAYBE HE'D BEEN KILLED...
...THEN I LEARNED HE HAD JOINED THE VIET CONG.

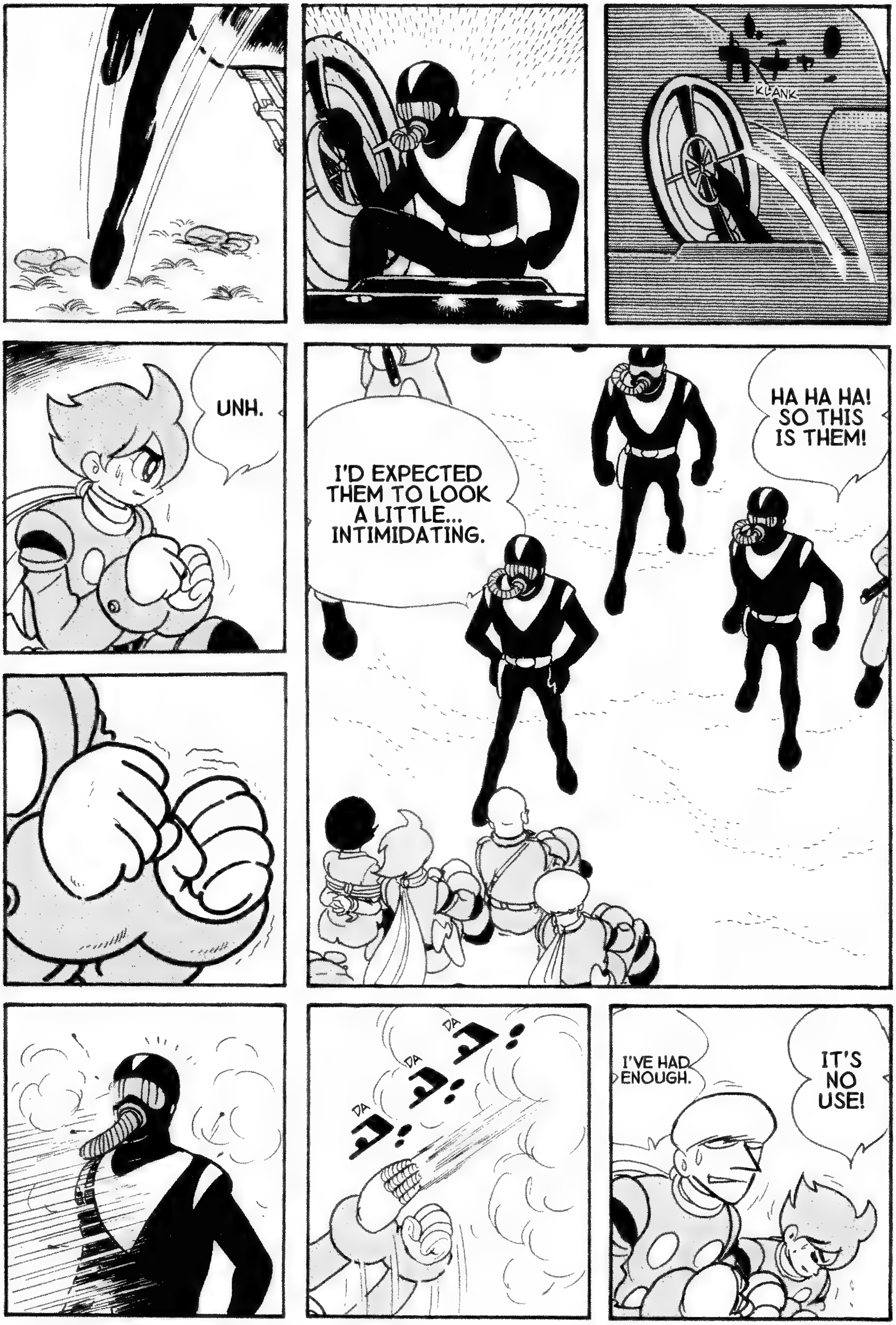

WHY DON'T YOU MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS?
HEY, STOP TALKING TO EACH OTHER!!
I'M SORRY.
DAMN.
OH YEAH?!
SMAK
UGH.
WHAT'S GOING ON OVER HERE?
BE PATIENT!!
004! NOT NOW!!
JUST TRUST THAT THE CUFFS WILL KEEP THEM PUT.
I HAD TO GET THE PRISONERS IN LINE, SIR.
IDIOT! DON'T LET THEM PROVOKE YOU!

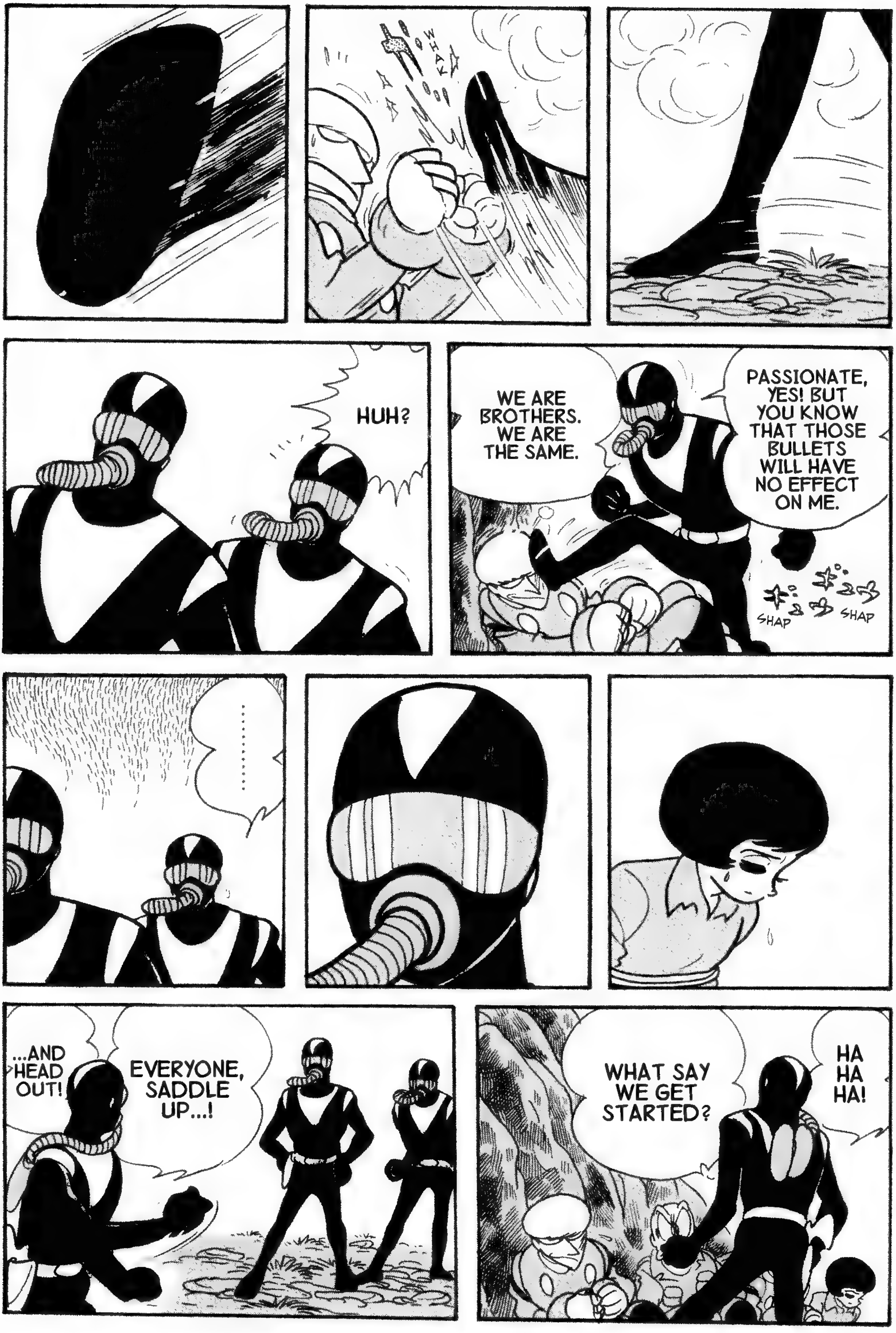

AND SO DO THESE CYBORGMEN, REMEMBER?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE ACTING STRANGE FOR A CAPTAIN. WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US EARLIER? WE HAVE OUR ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE COMMUNICATORS, YOU KNOW.
007? IS THAT YOU?
AS FOR YOU TWO, KEEP YOUR GOBS SHUT? I'M WORKING ON SETTING YA FREE.
?
THUP
WISH ME LUCK!
AND YOU'RE VERY CONVINCING IN THE ROLE. PLAY ON, 007.
I'M MERELY PLAYING A PART. I PROMISE.
009, I'M SORRY I HAD TO KICK YOU EARLIER.
HE'S BACK.
HEY!
?
?
HEH HEH HEH, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
YES. YOU COULD SAY THAT.
HEH HEH HEH. DID YOU FIND OUR FUGITIVE?

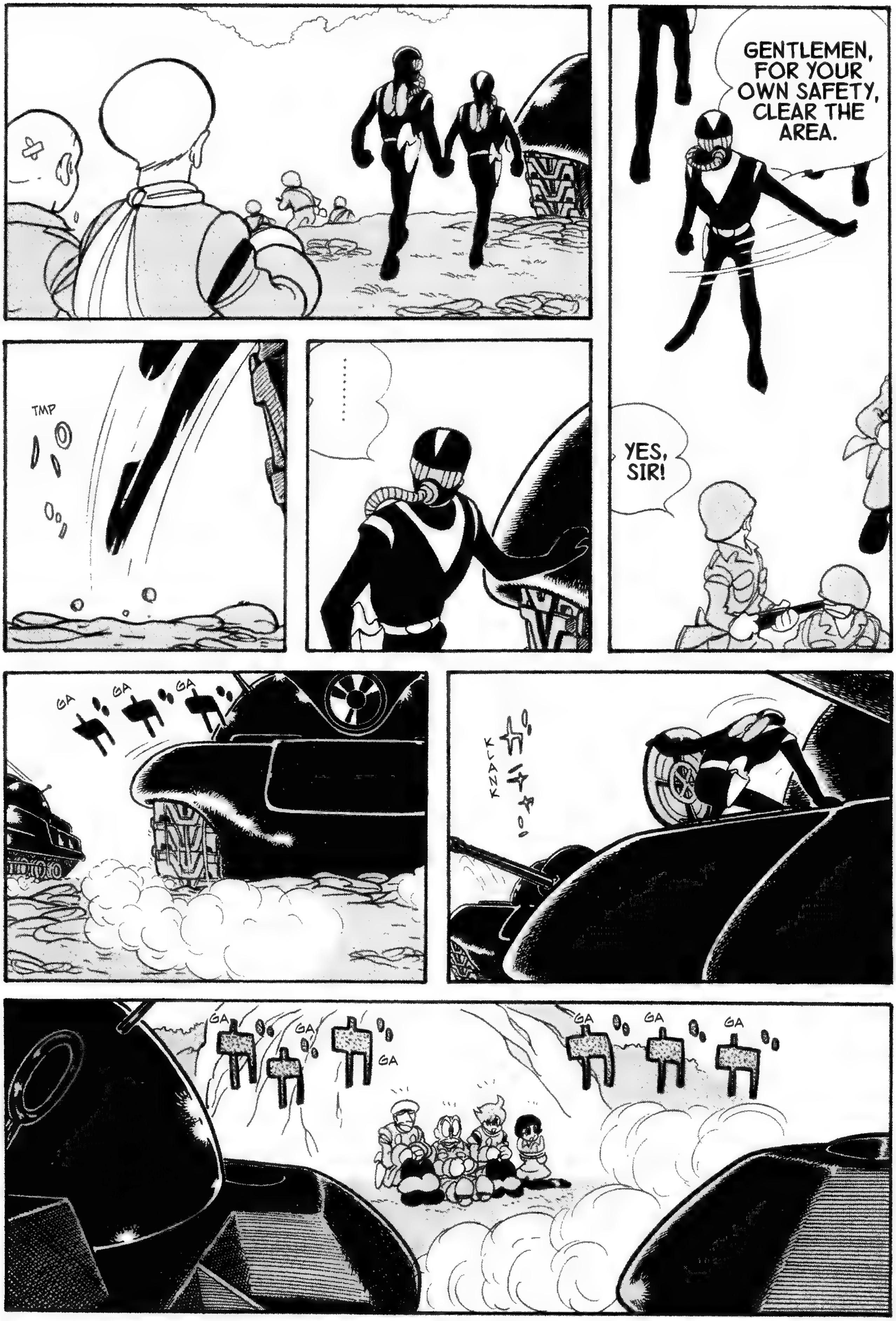

FLAP
SIR!
Y-YOU FOUND HIM?
COME.
FWAP
UGH.
I FOUND THESE CLOTHES TOO!
YIKES.
SHAP
CYBORG 007!!
BAM
SMAK
GUH!
GRRRR...

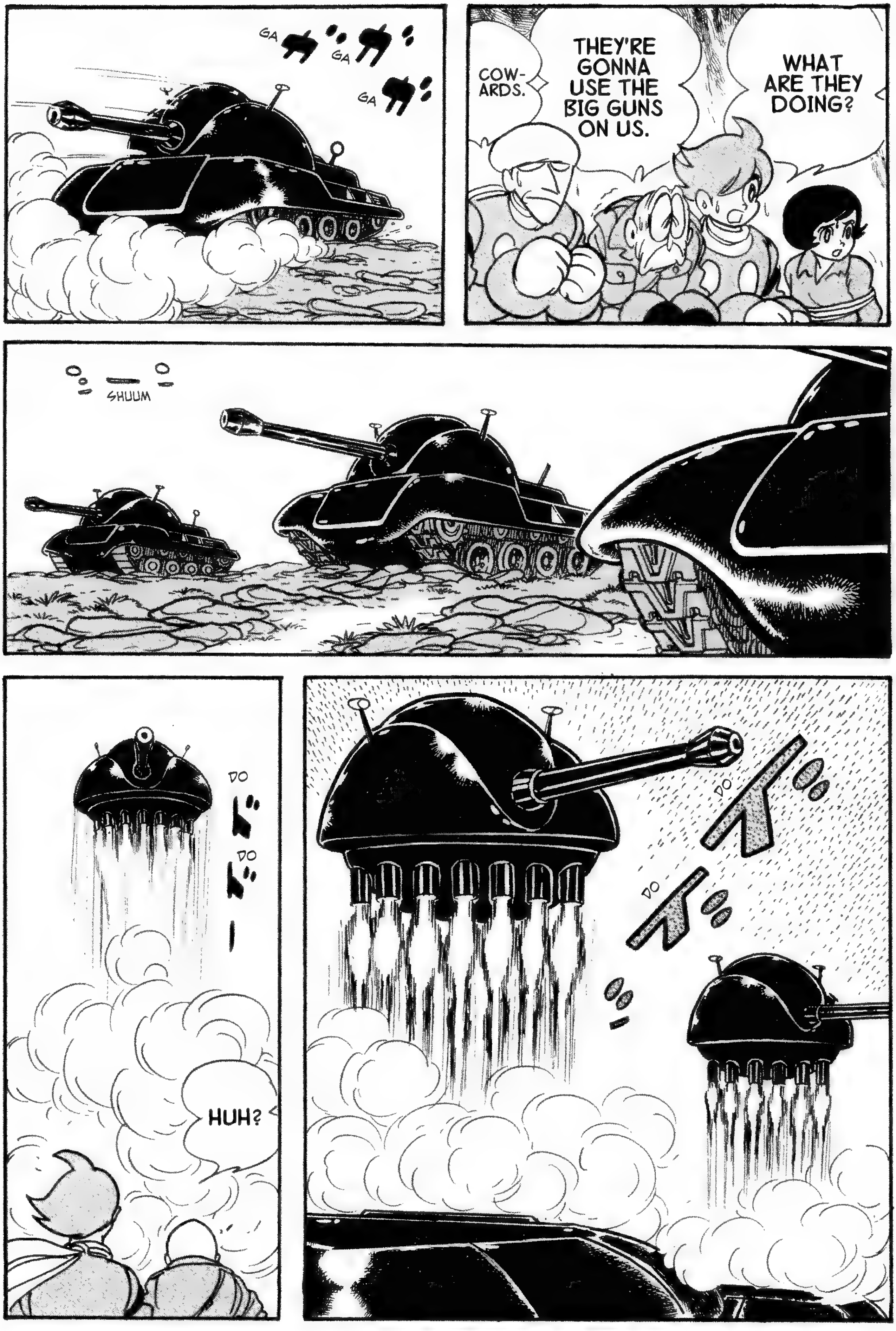

YOU'RE RIGHT, I COULD HEAR YOUR TRANSMISSIONS...
...BUT I AM STILL IMPRESSED WITH YOUR TRANSFORMATION!
......
DAMMIT!
GA GA GA GA
SIR! THE BATTALION!
EXCELLENT! JUST IN TIME FOR THE EXECUTION.
DAMN.

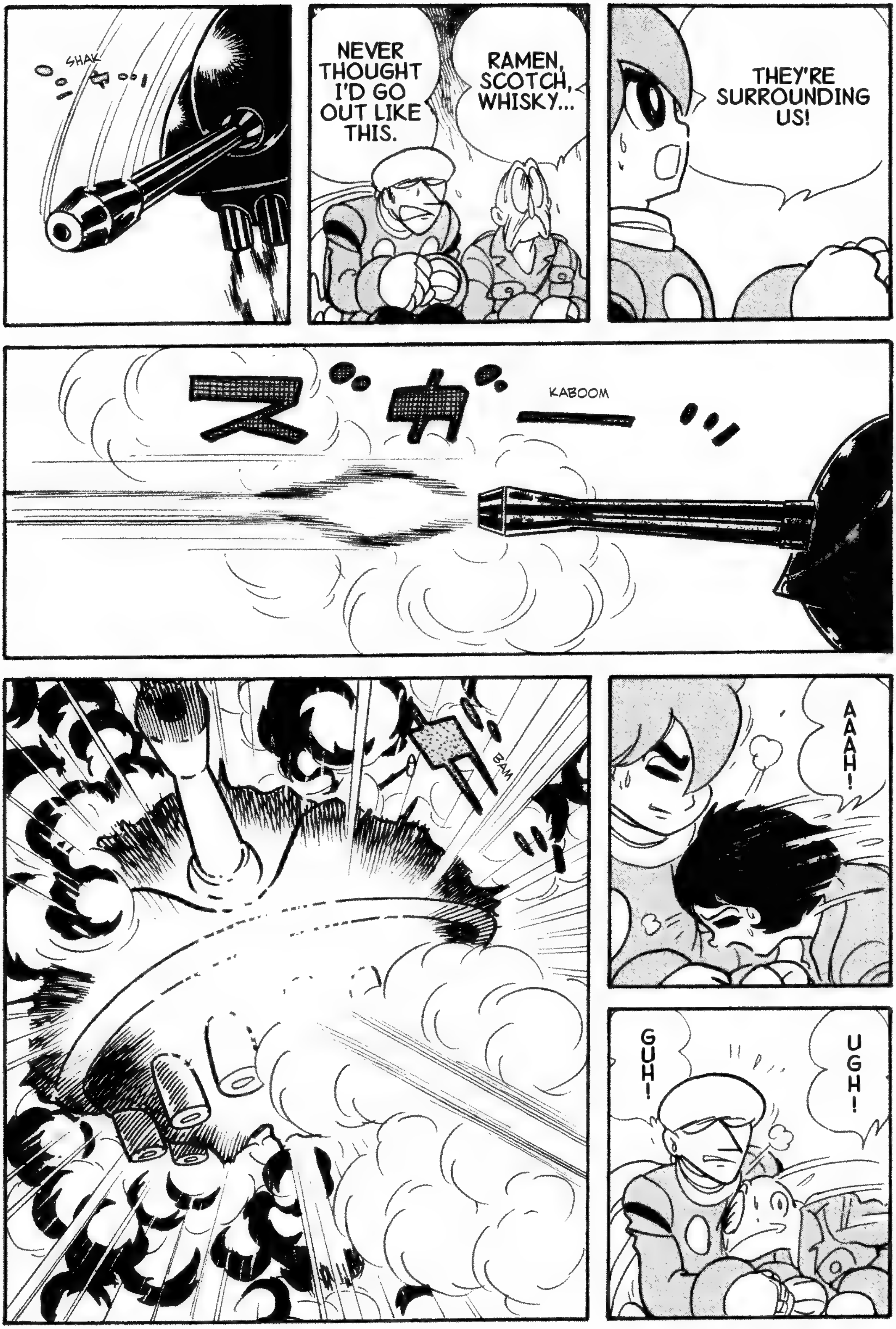

IF EVER YOU WERE RELIGIOUS MEN, NOW IS THE TIME TO START PRAYING!
BEFORE WE OBLITERATE THEM, GENTLEMEN, TAKE ONE LAST LOOK.
LOOK AT THE FEAR IN THE FACES OF THESE QUIVERING TRAITORS!
HUH?
GA
GA
GA

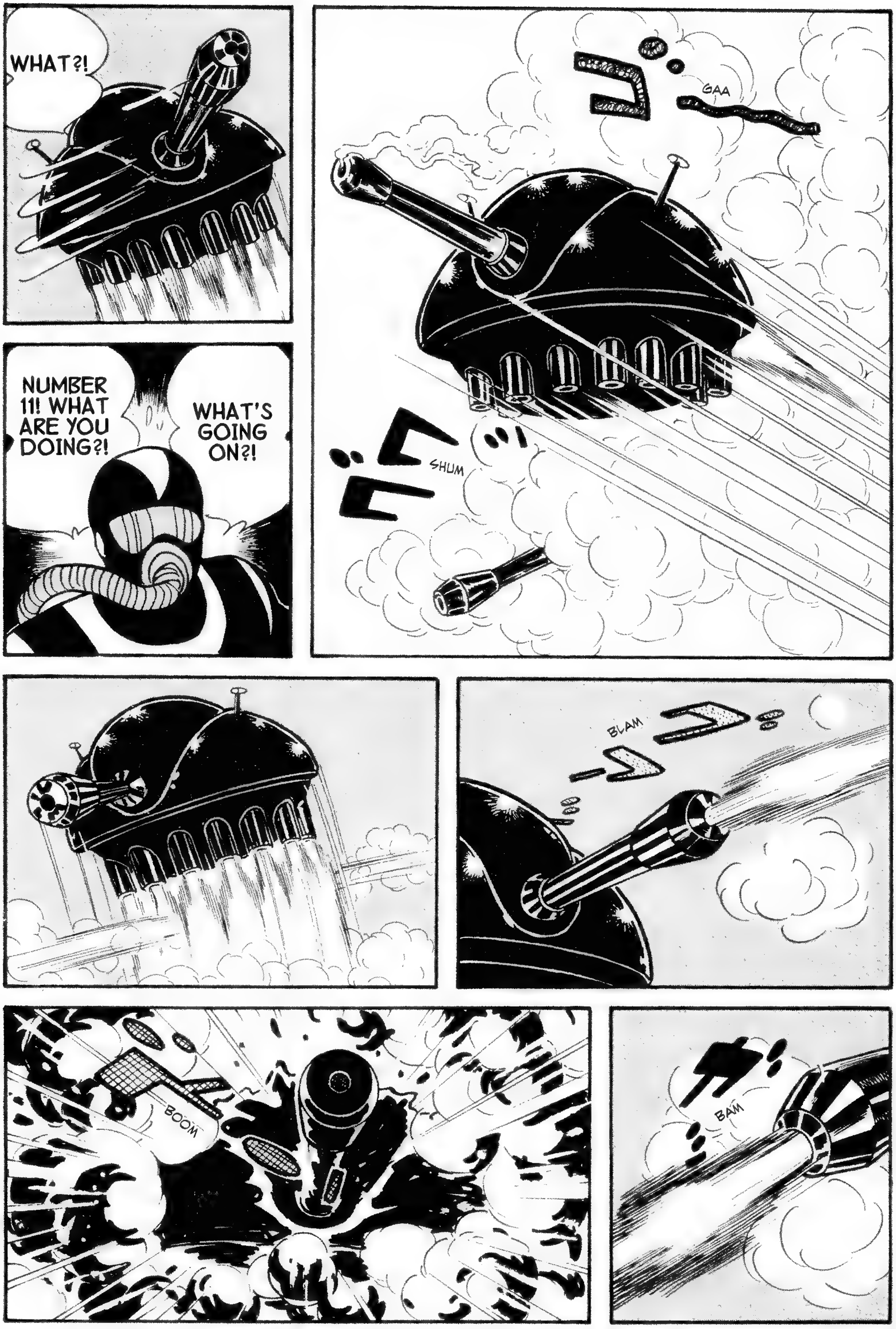

KLANK
UNH.
I'D EXPECTED THEM TO LOOK A LITTLE... INTIMIDATING.
HA HA HA! SO THIS IS THEM!
DA
DA
DA
I'VE HAD ENOUGH.
IT'S NO USE!

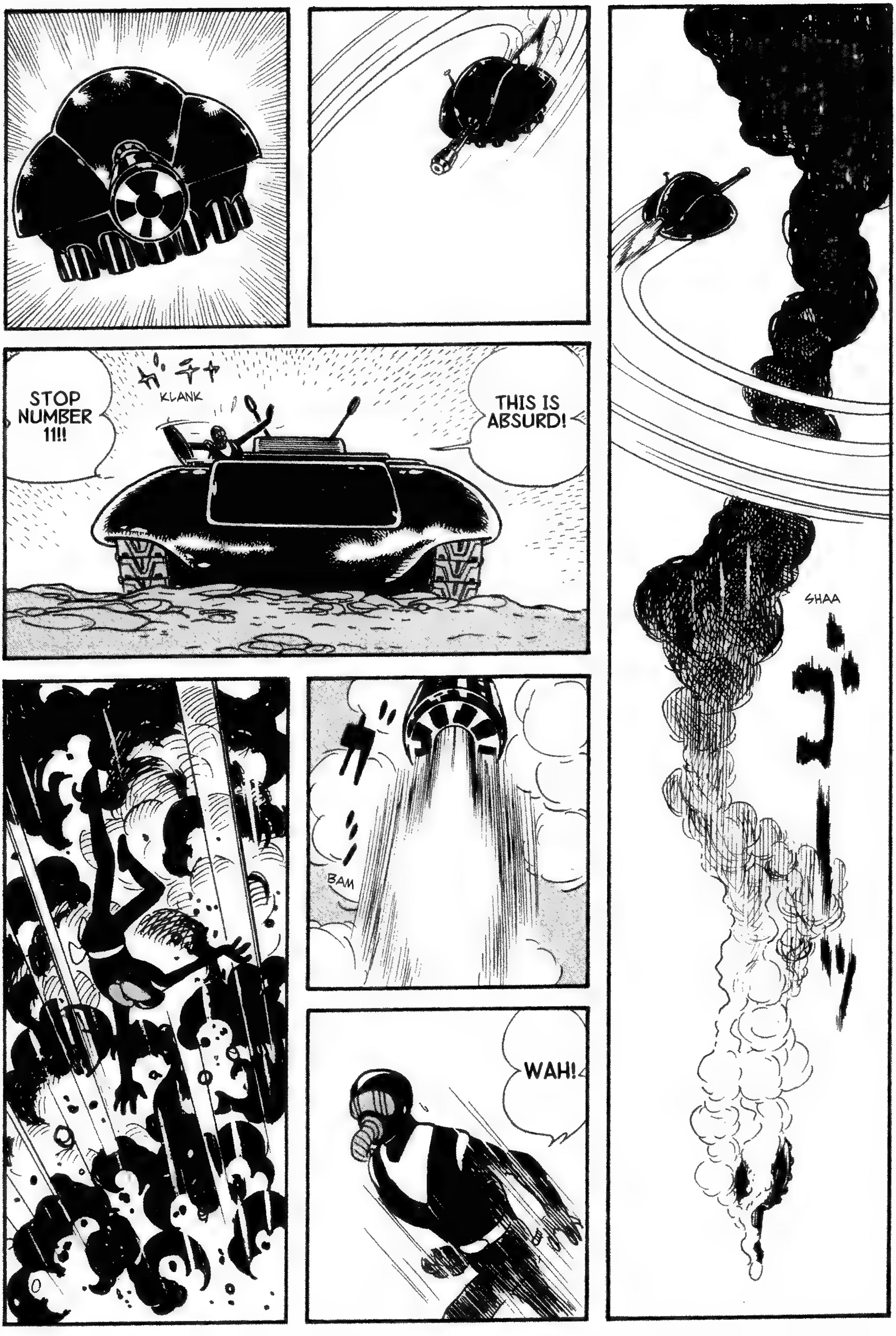

WHAK
PASSIONATE, YES! BUT YOU KNOW THAT THOSE BULLETS WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON ME.
WE ARE BROTHERS. WE ARE THE SAME.
SHAP SHAP
HUH?
......
HA HA HA!
WHAT SAY WE GET STARTED?
EVERYONE, SADDLE UP...!
...AND HEAD OUT!

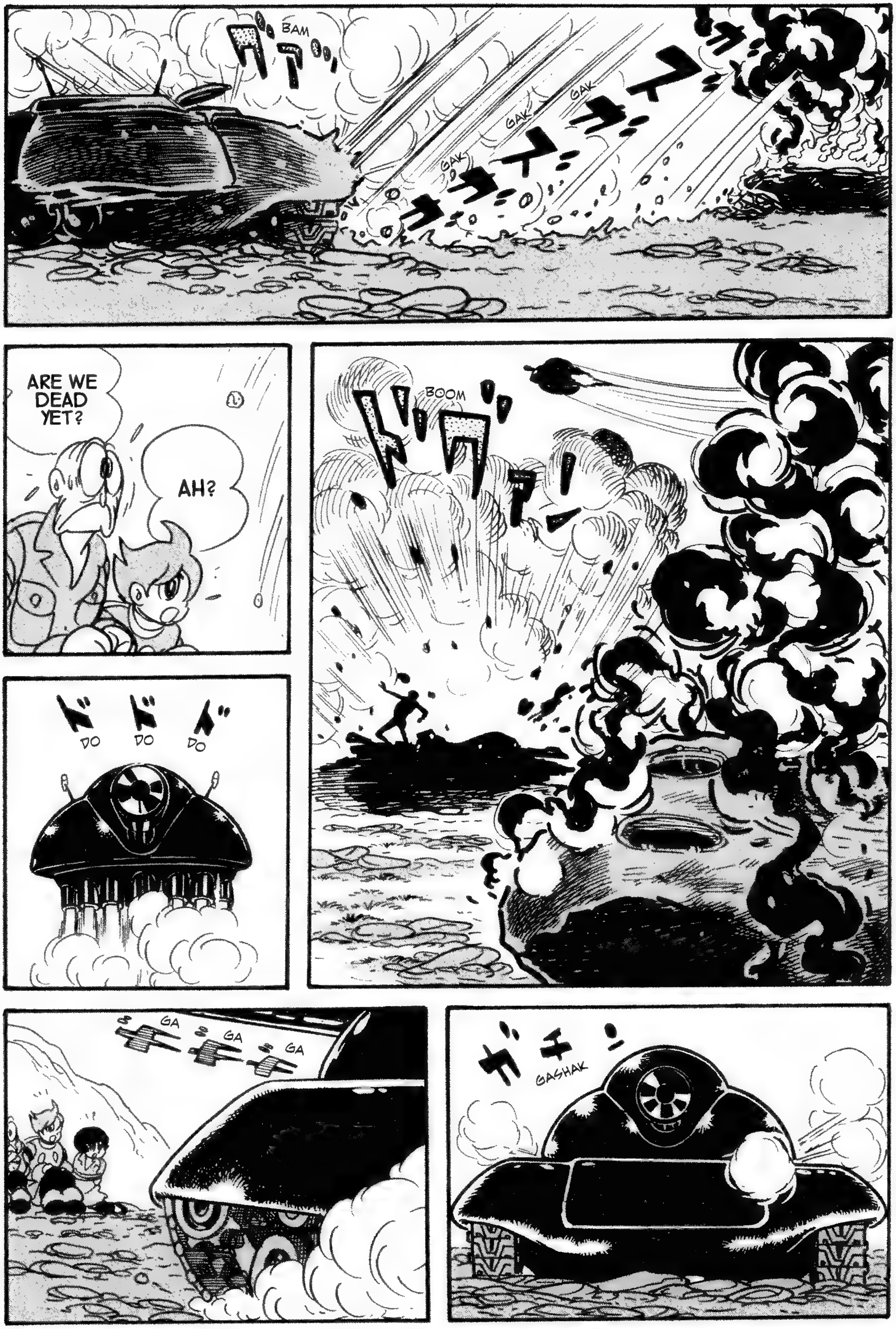

GENTLEMEN, FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, CLEAR THE AREA.
YES, SIR!
TMP
....
GA GA GA
KLANK
GA GA GA GA GA GA GA


GA ガッ GA ガッ GA ガッ
COWARDS.
THEY'RE GONNA USE THE BIG GUNS ON US.
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
SHUUM
DO ド DO ドー
HUH?
DO ド DO ド


THEY'RE SURROUNDING US!
RAMEN, SCOTCH, WHISKY...
NEVER THOUGHT I'D GO OUT LIKE THIS.
SHAK
ズガーッ
KABOOM
AAAH!
UGH!
GUH!
BAM


WHAT?!
NUMBER 11! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
GAA
SHUM
BLAM
BOOM
BAM


SHAA
ゴーッ
THIS IS ABSURD!
ガチャ
KLANK
STOP NUMBER 11!!
ドン
BAM
WAH!


ガッ
BAM
GAK
GAK
GAK
ARE WE DEAD YET?
AH?
ドガァーン
BOOM
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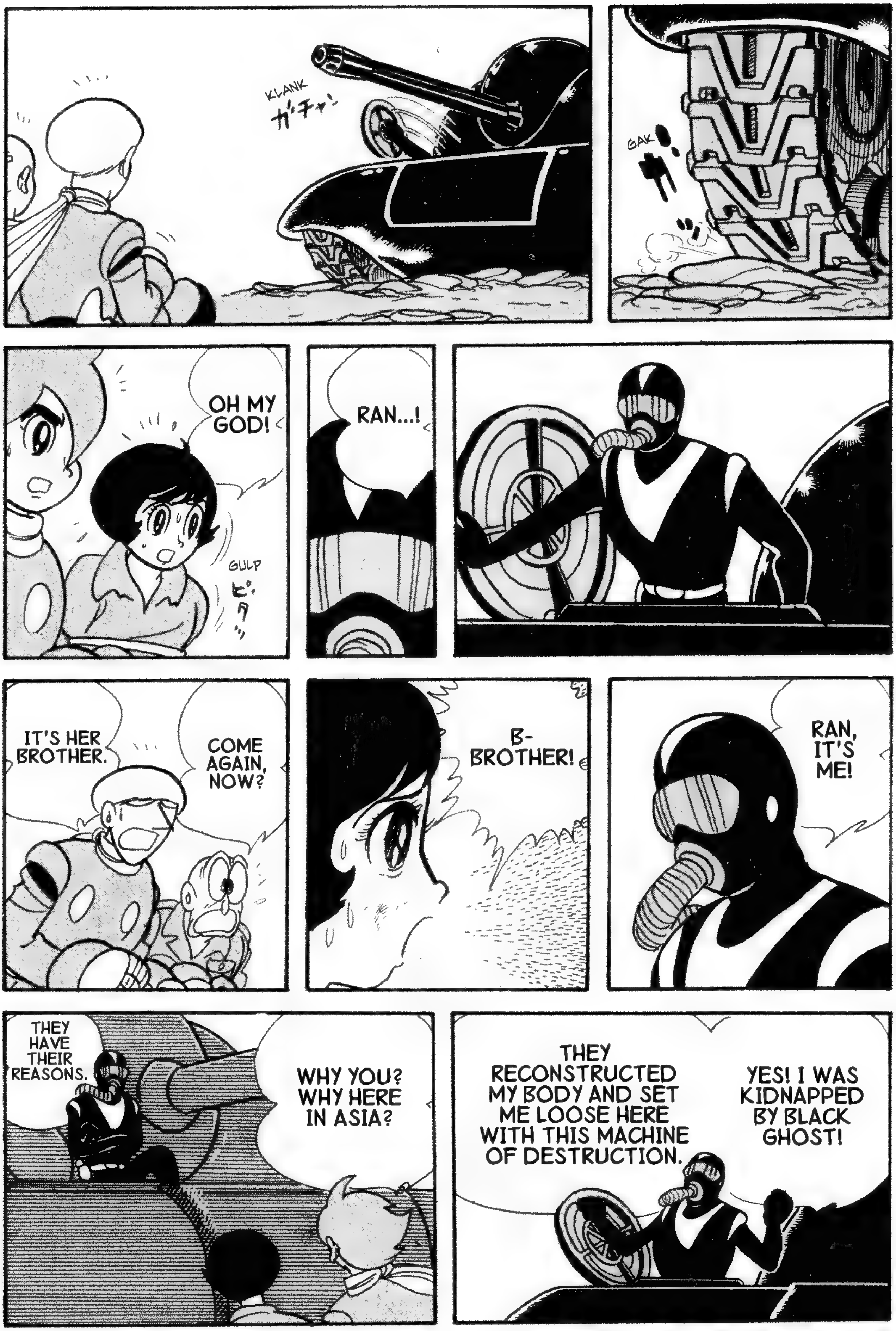
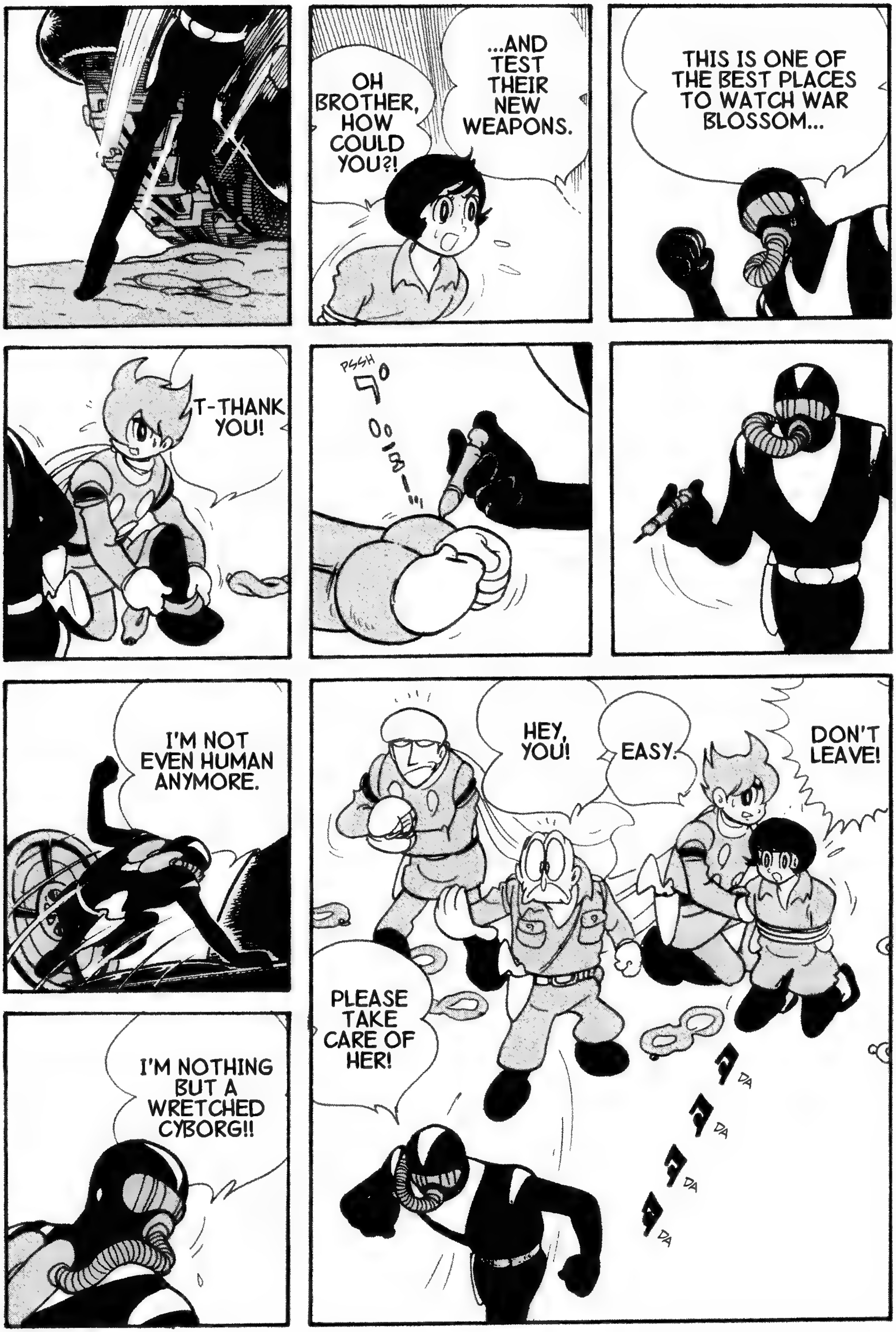
DO
DO
DO
GA
GA
GA
ガチン
GASHAK


GAK
KLANK
ガチャン
RAN...!
OH MY GOD!
GULP
ビクッ
RAN, IT'S ME!
B-BROTHER!
COME AGAIN, NOW?
IT'S HER BROTHER.
YES! I WAS KIDNAPPED BY BLACK GHOST!
THEY RECONSTRUCTED MY BODY AND SET ME LOOSE HERE WITH THIS MACHINE OF DESTRUCTION.
WHY YOU? WHY HERE IN ASIA?
THEY HAVE THEIR REASONS.


THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO WATCH WAR BLOSSOM...
...AND TEST THEIR NEW WEAPONS.
OH BROTHER, HOW COULD YOU?!
PSSH
T-THANK YOU!
DON'T LEAVE!
EASY.
HEY, YOU!
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF HER!
DA
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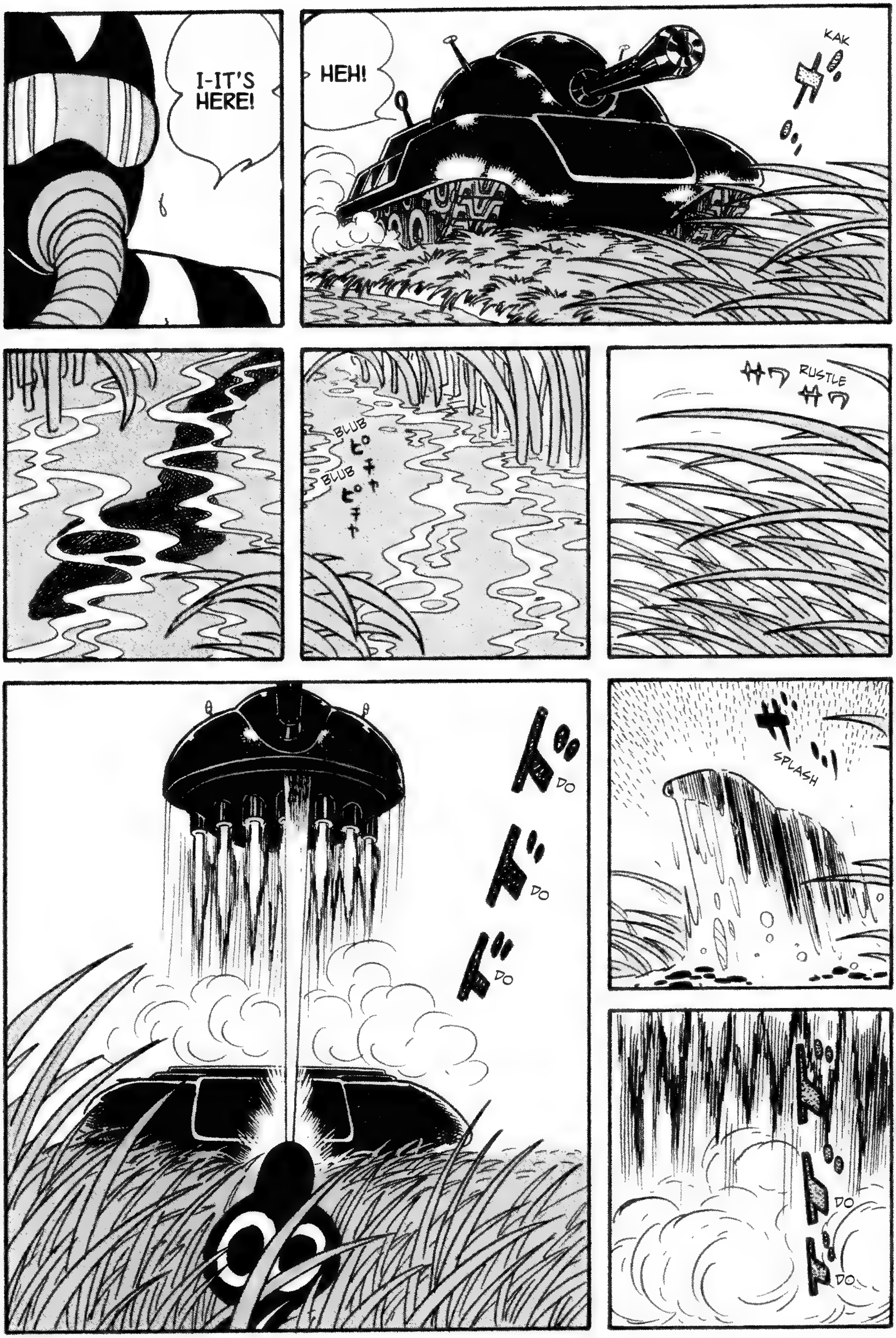
DA
DA
I'M NOT EVEN HUMAN ANYMORE.
I'M NOTHING BUT A WRETCHED CYBORG!!


I-IT'S HERE!
HEH!
KAK
BLUB
ピチャ
BLUB
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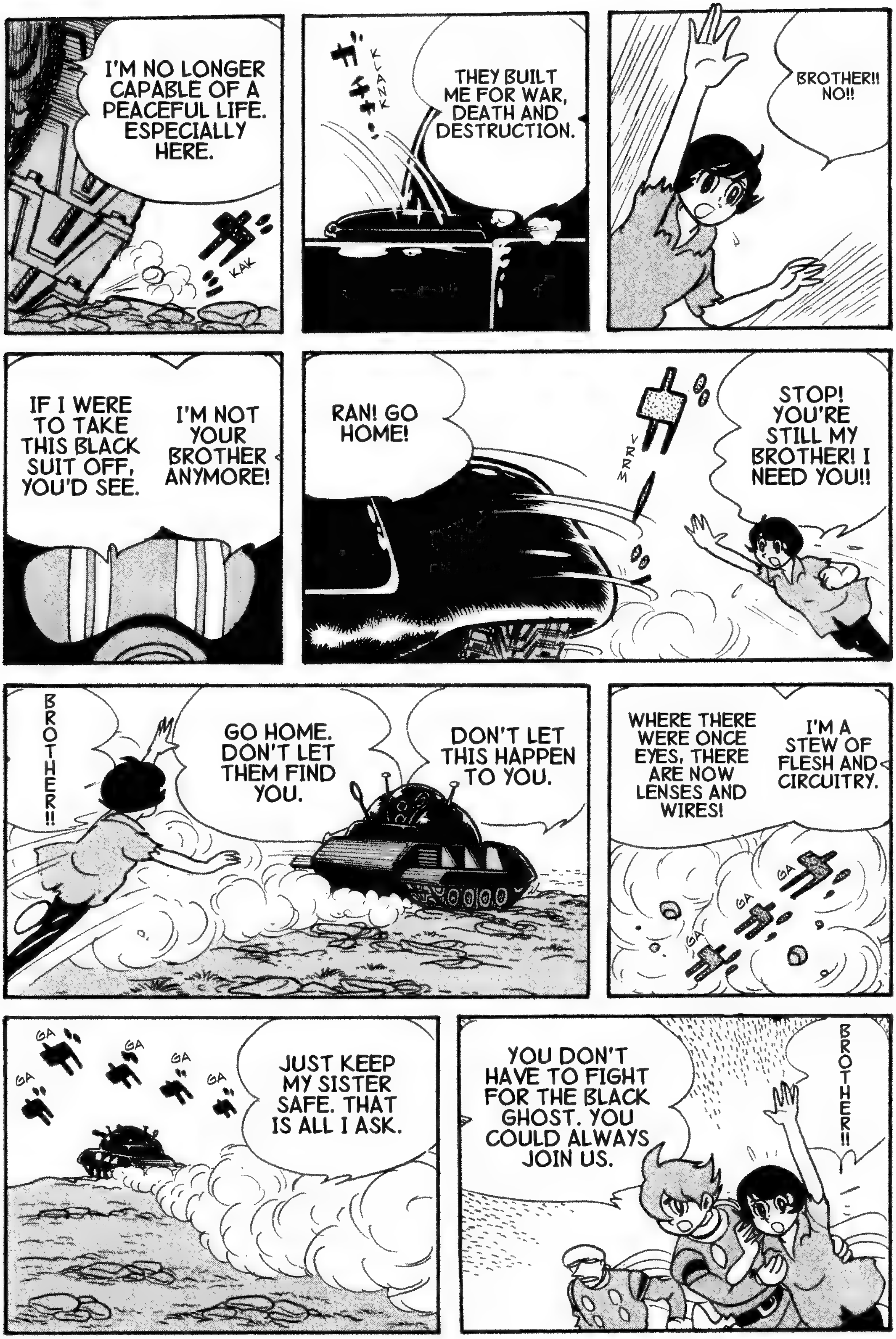
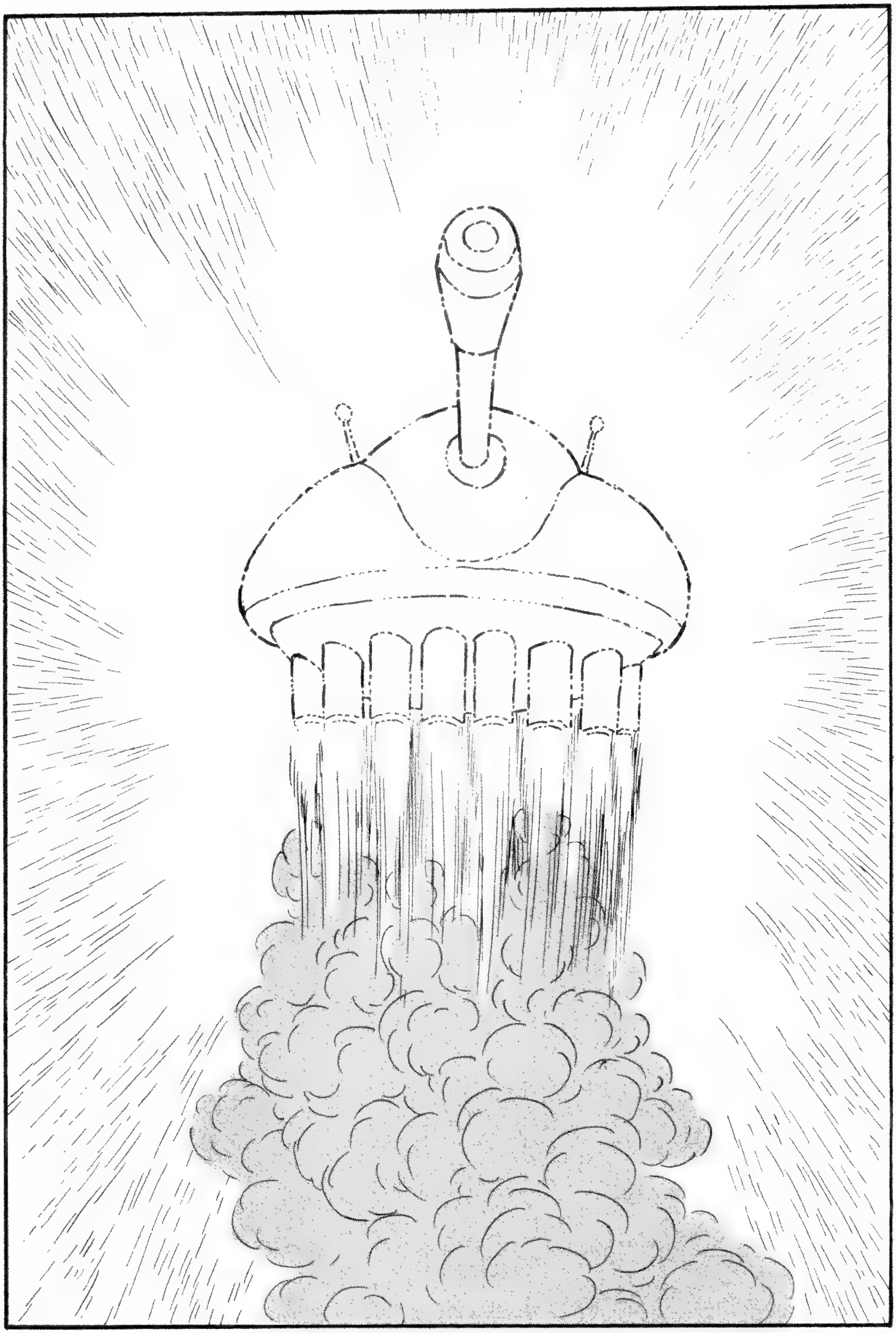
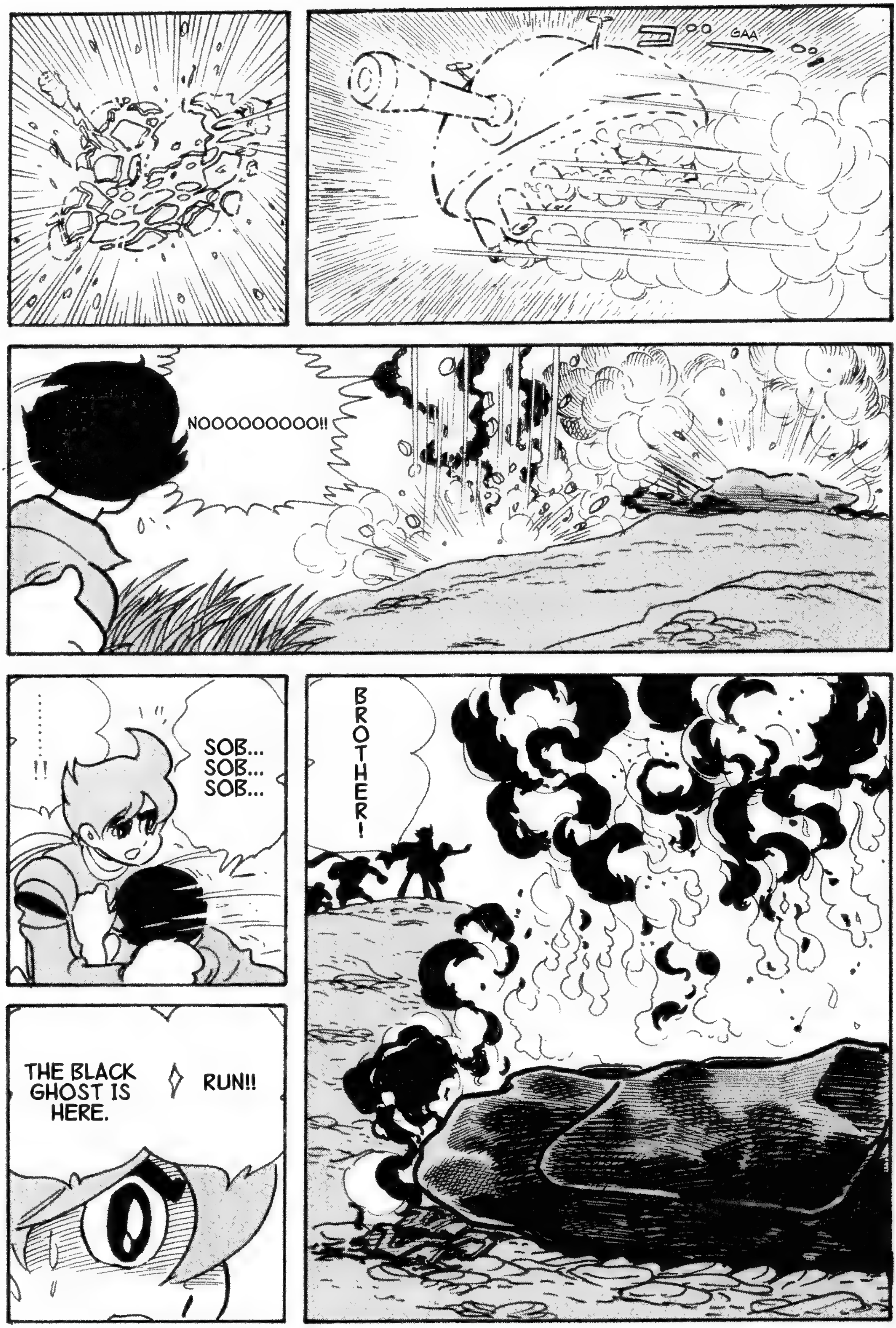
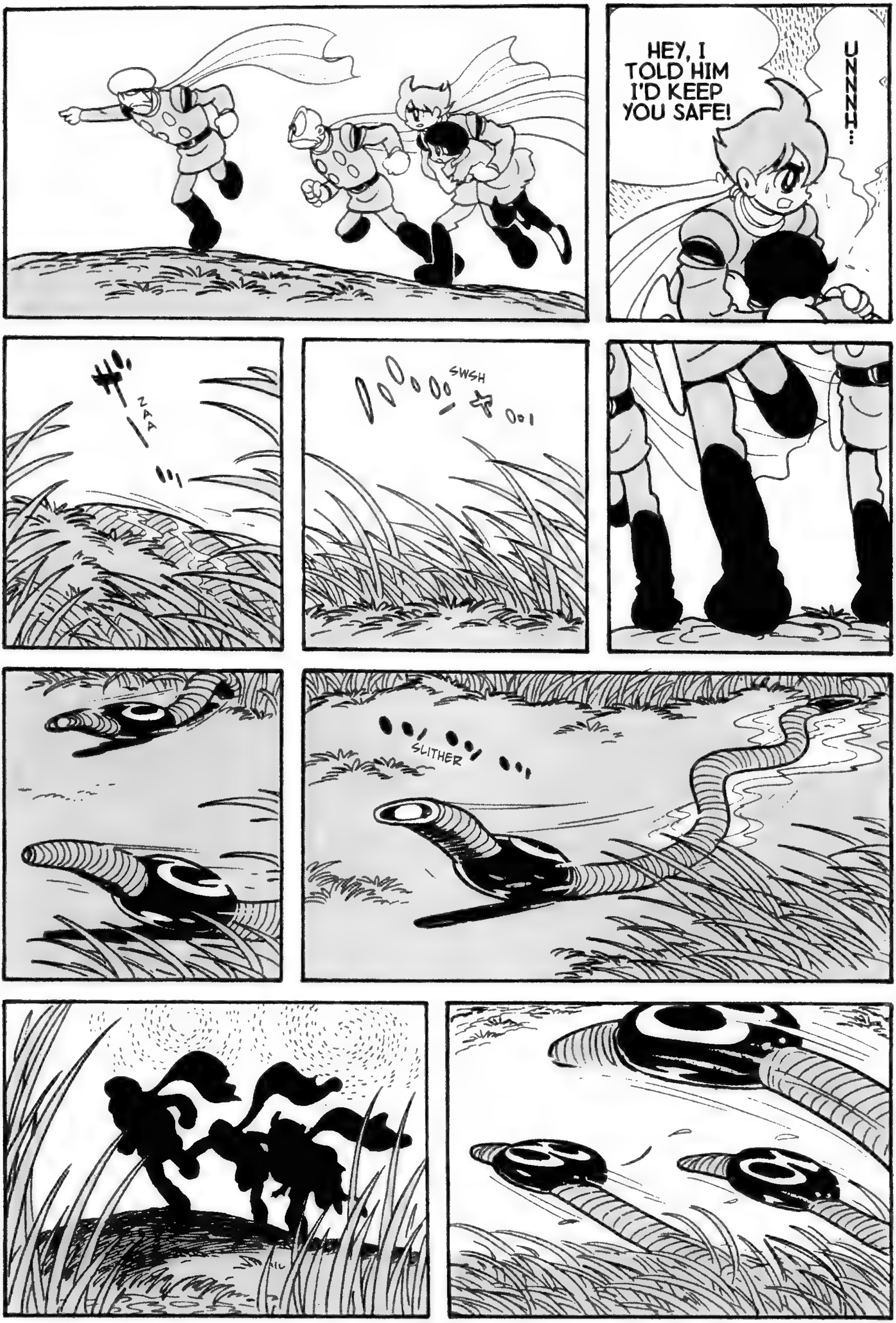

I'M NO LONGER CAPABLE OF A PEACEFUL LIFE. ESPECIALLY HERE.
KAK
KLANK
THEY BUILT ME FOR WAR, DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.
BROTHER!! NO!!
IF I WERE TO TAKE THIS BLACK SUIT OFF, YOU'D SEE.
I'M NOT YOUR BROTHER ANYMORE!
RAN! GO HOME!
VRRM
STOP! YOU'RE STILL MY BROTHER! I NEED YOU!!
BROTHER!!
GO HOME. DON'T LET THEM FIND YOU.
DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU.
WHERE THERE WERE ONCE EYES, THERE ARE NOW LENSES AND WIRES!
I'M A STEW OF FLESH AND CIRCUITRY.
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
JUST KEEP MY SISTER SAFE. THAT IS ALL I ASK.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT FOR THE BLACK GHOST. YOU COULD ALWAYS JOIN US.
BROTHER!!




GAA
NOOOOOOOOO!!
......!!
SOB... SOB... SOB...
BROTHER!
THE BLACK GHOST IS HERE.
RUN!!


HEY, I TOLD HIM I'D KEEP YOU SAFE!
UNNNH...
ZAA
SWSH
SLITHER

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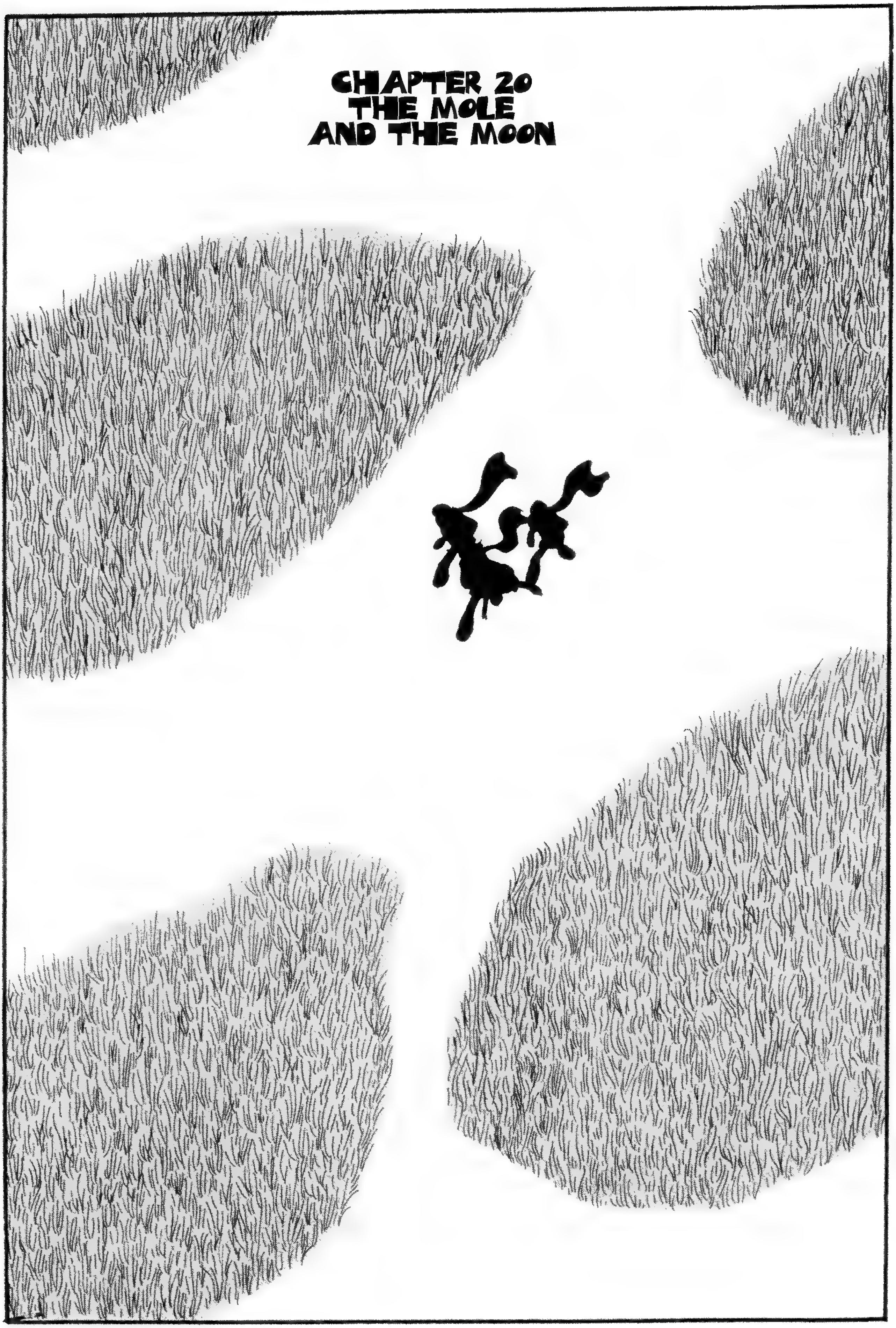
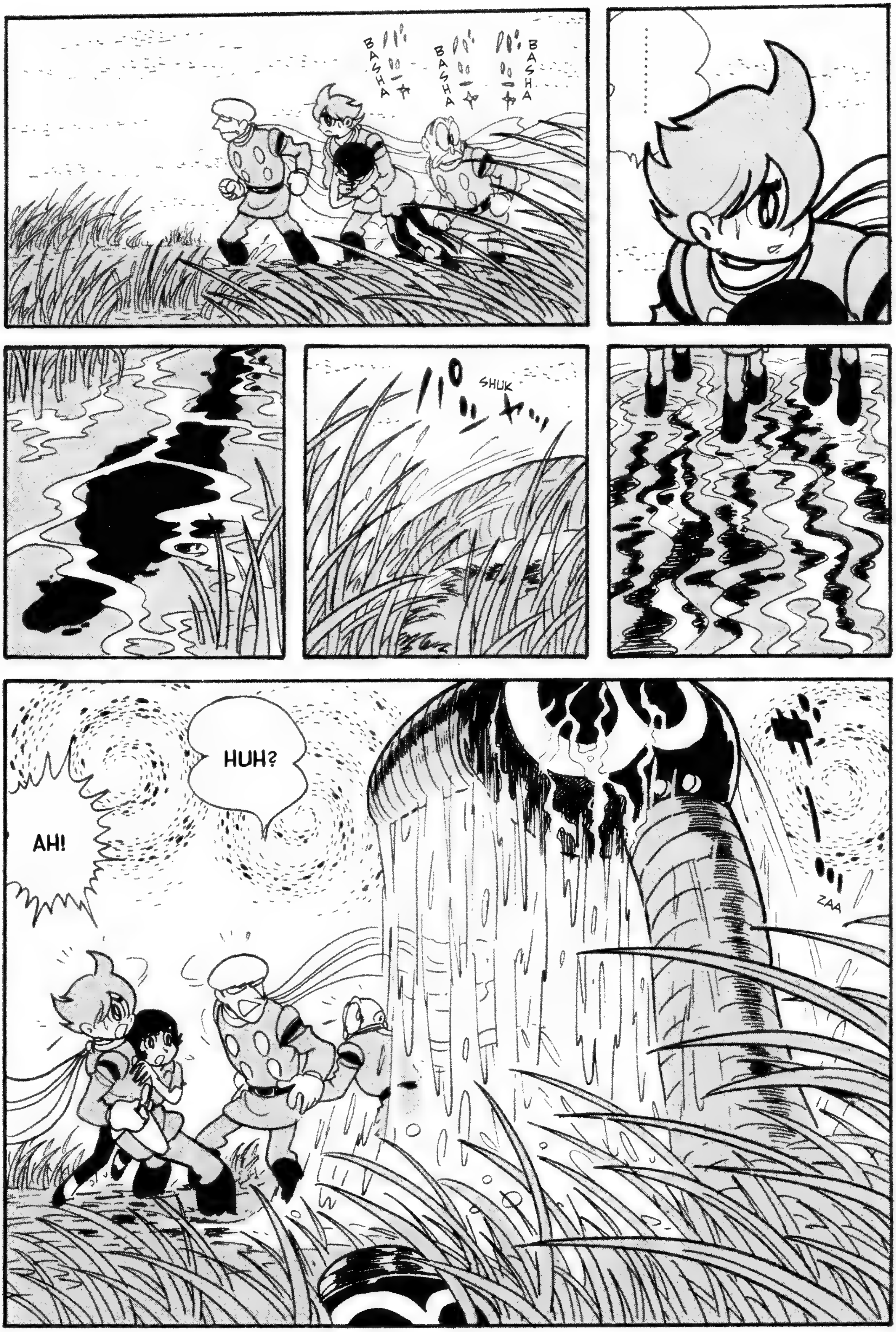
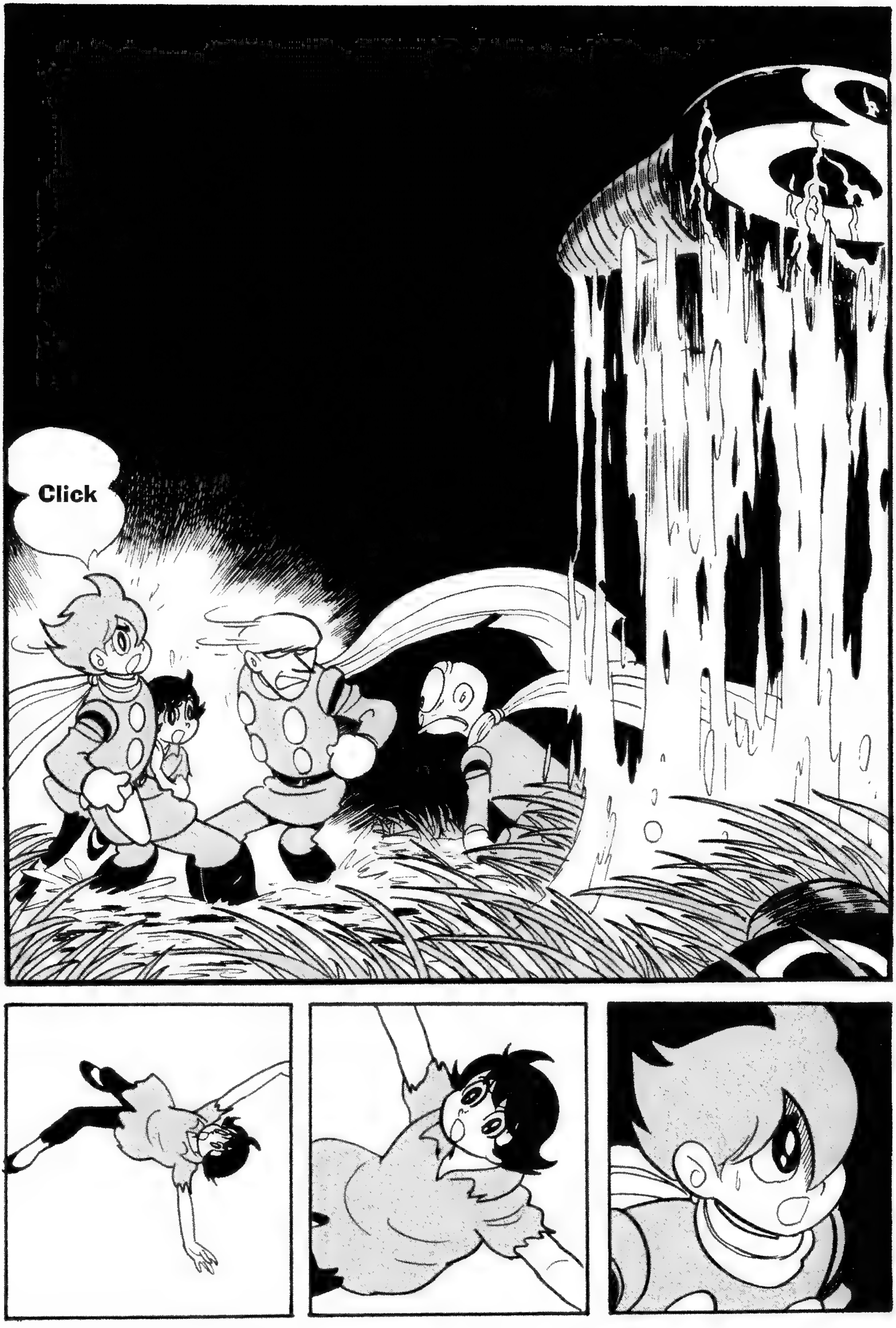
THE MOLE AND THE MOON



……
BASHA
BASHA
BASHA
SHUK
ZAA
HUH?
AH!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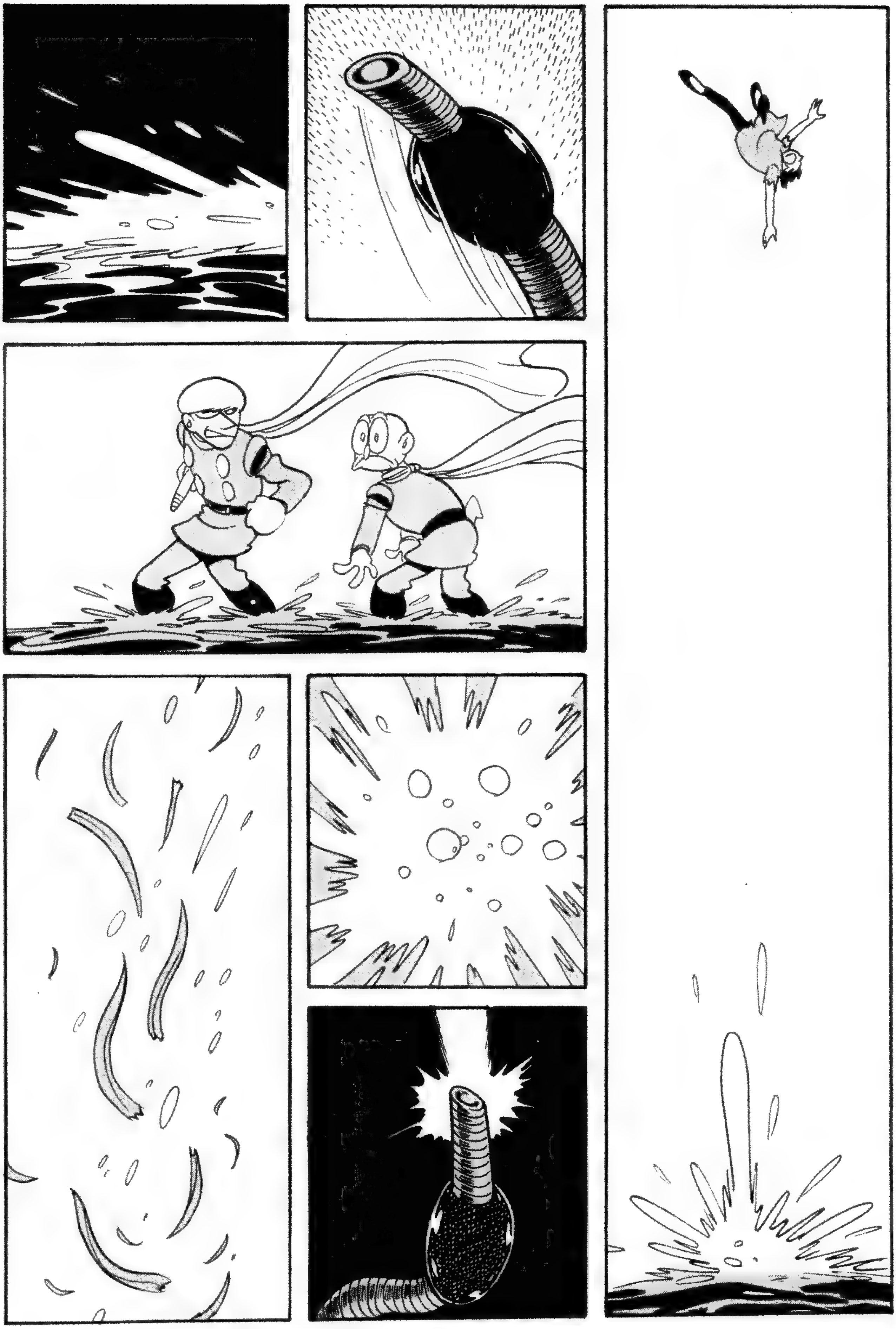
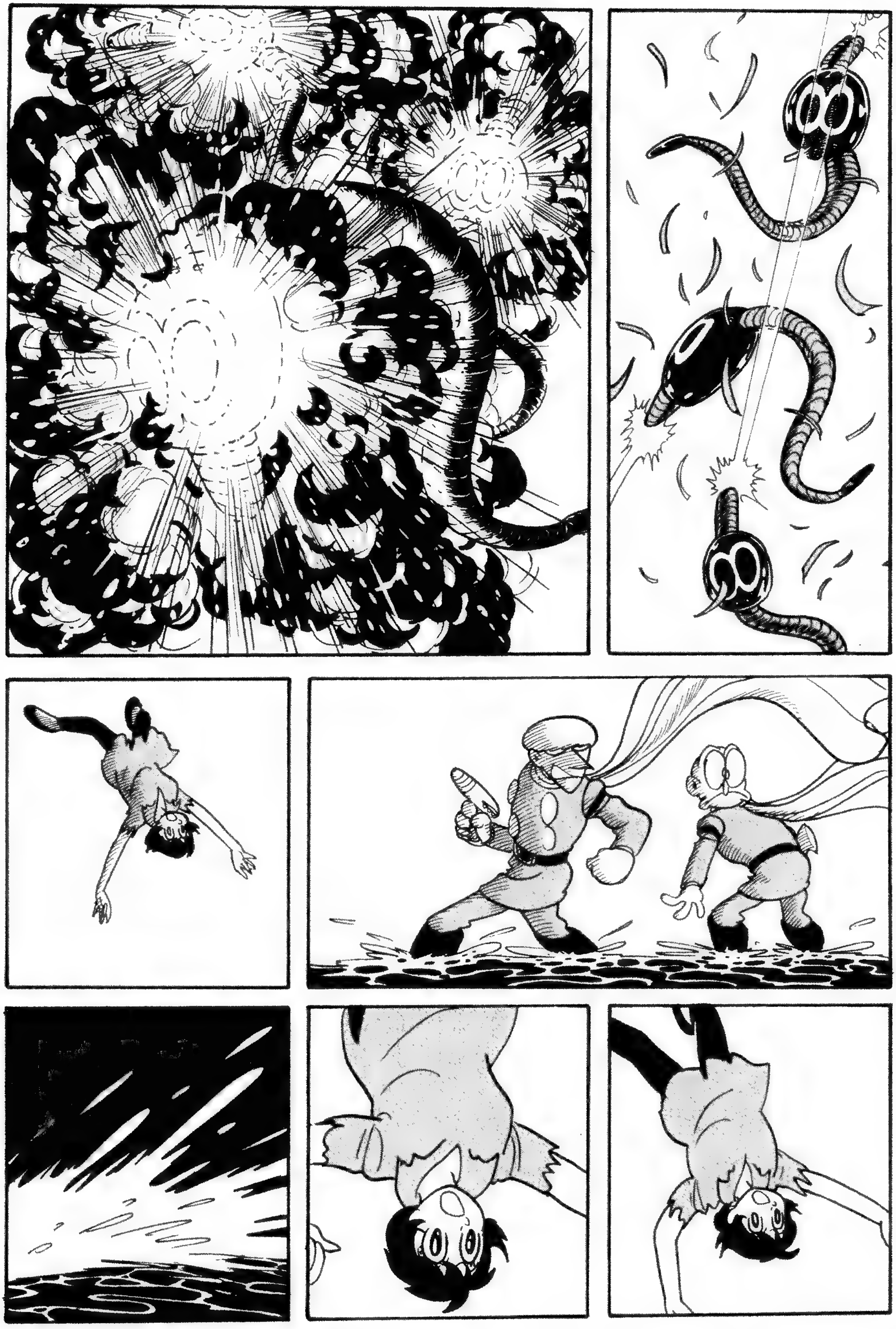
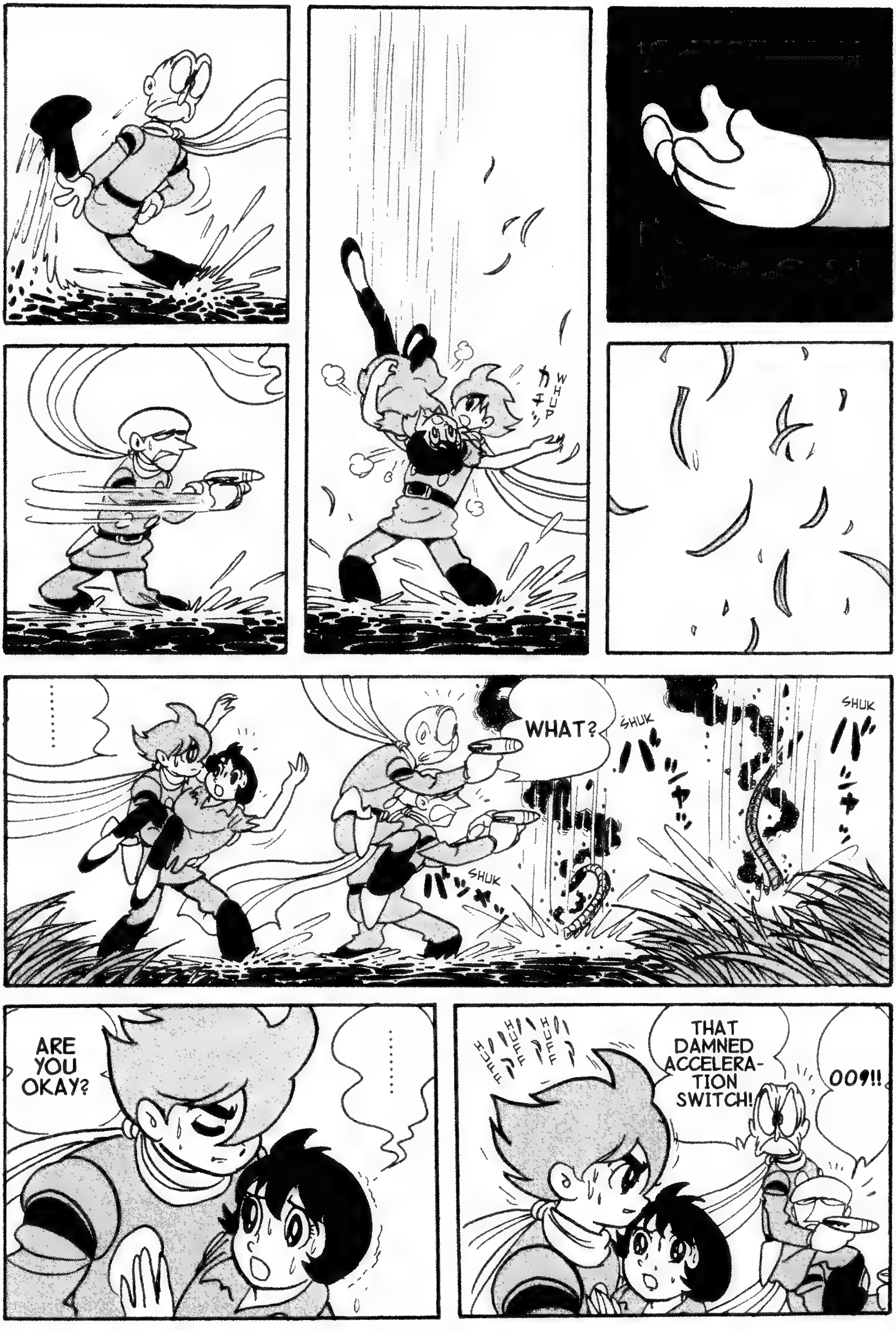
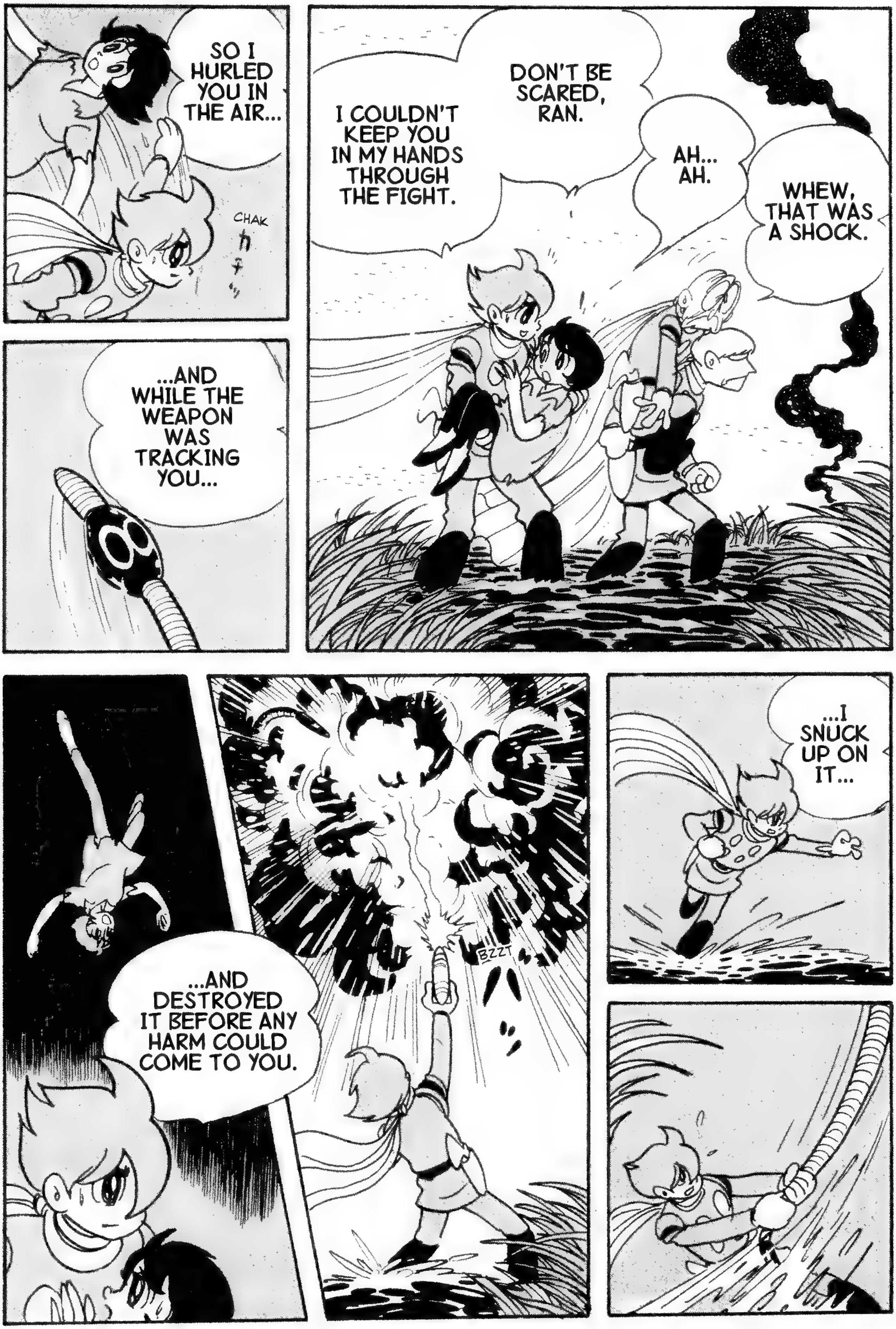
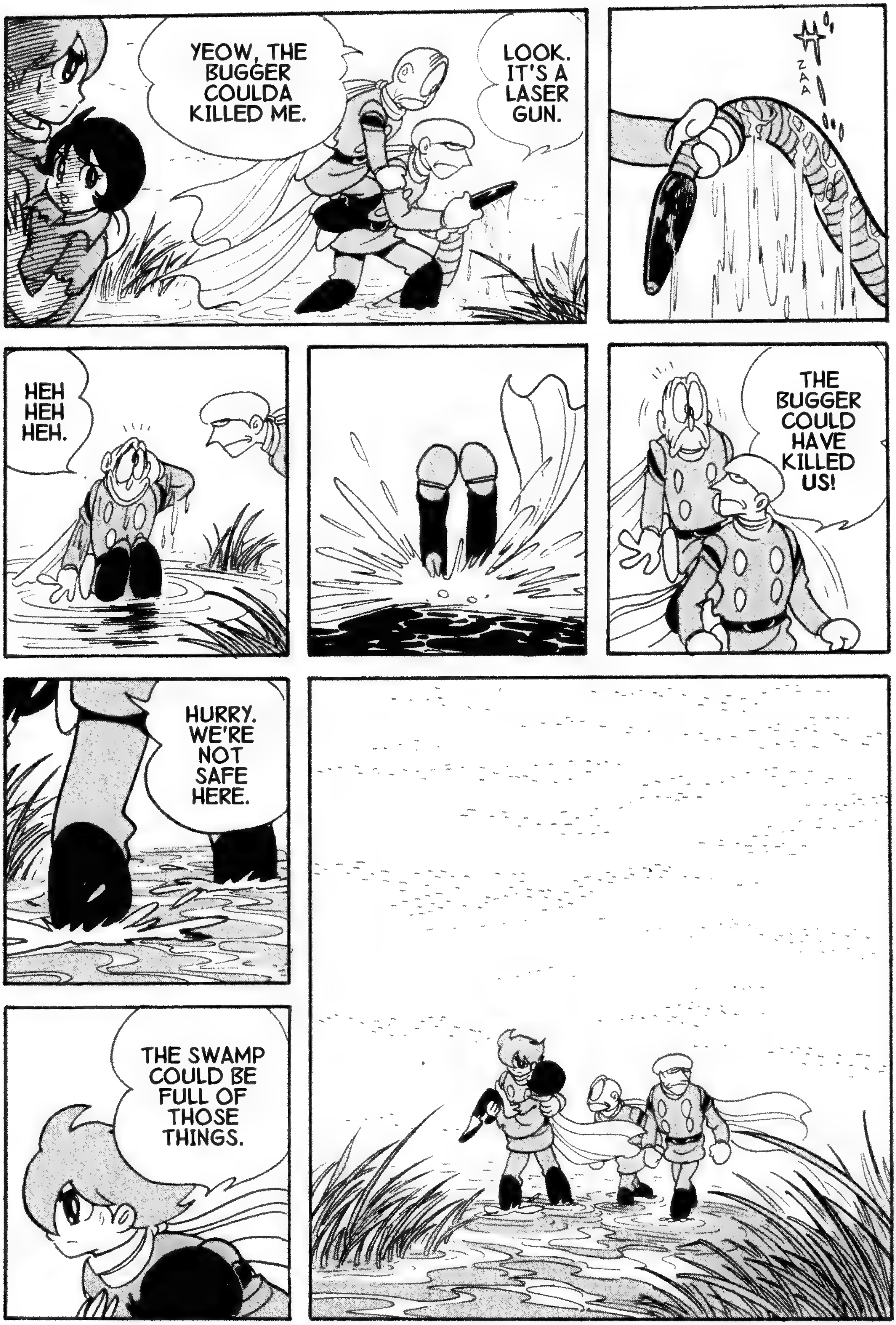
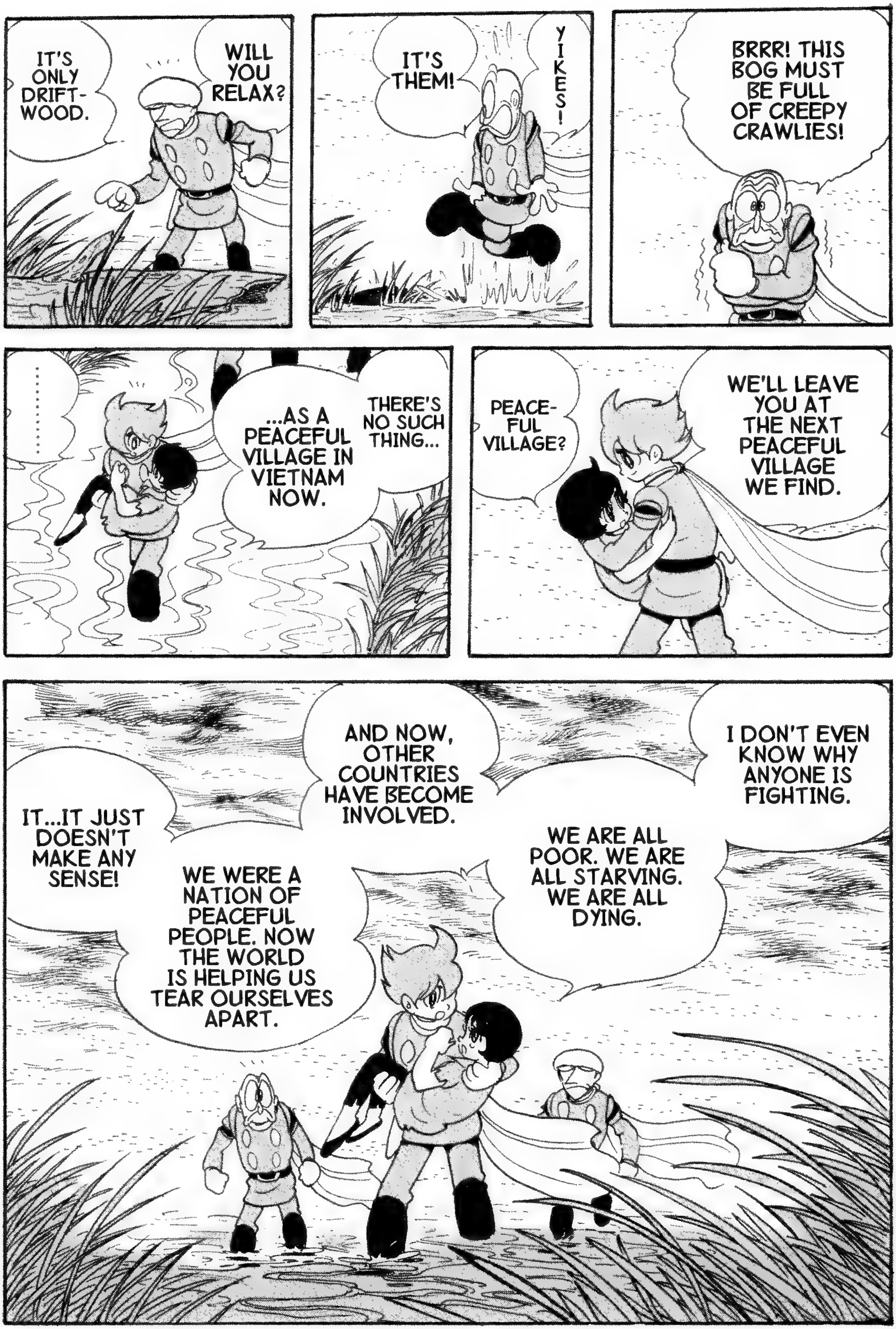


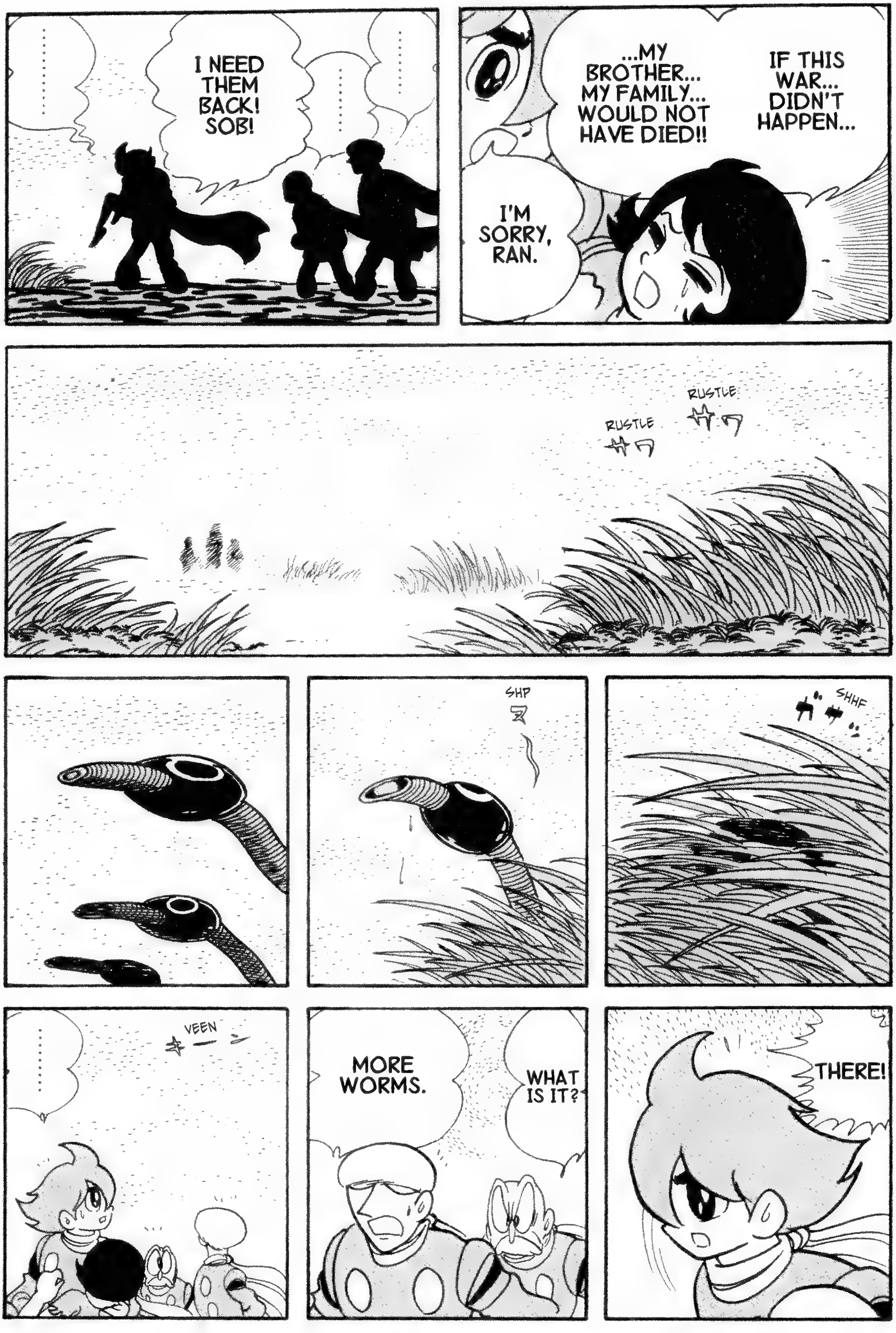


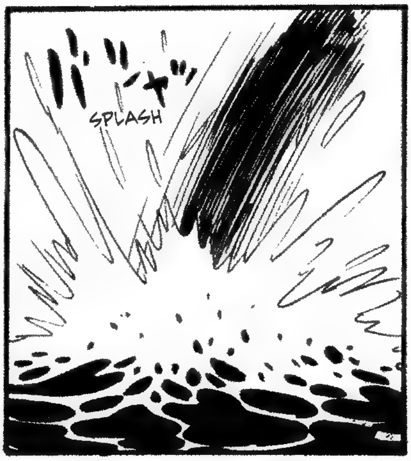

カチッ
WHUP
....
WHAT?
SHUK
バシャッ
SHUK
バシャッ
SHUK
バッサッ
ARE YOU OKAY?
....
ハァ ハァ ハァ
HUFF HUFF HUFF
THAT DAMNED ACCELERATION SWITCH!
009!!


WHEW, THAT WAS A SHOCK.
AH... AH.
DON'T BE SCARED, RAN.
I COULDN'T KEEP YOU IN MY HANDS THROUGH THE FIGHT.
SO I HURLED YOU IN THE AIR...
CHAK
カチッ
...AND WHILE THE WEAPON WAS TRACKING YOU...
...I SNUCK UP ON IT...
BZZT
...AND DESTROYED IT BEFORE ANY HARM COULD COME TO YOU.


YEOW, THE BUGGER COULDA KILLED ME.
LOOK. IT'S A LASER GUN.
ZAA
HEH HEH HEH.
THE BUGGER COULD HAVE KILLED US!
HURRY. WE'RE NOT SAFE HERE.
THE SWAMP COULD BE FULL OF THOSE THINGS.


BRRR! THIS BOG MUST BE FULL OF CREEPY CRAWLIES!
YIKES!
IT'S THEM!
WILL YOU RELAX?
IT'S ONLY DRIFTWOOD.
WE'LL LEAVE YOU AT THE NEXT PEACEFUL VILLAGE WE FIND.
PEACEFUL VILLAGE?
THERE'S NO SUCH THING...
...AS A PEACEFUL VILLAGE IN VIETNAM NOW.
....
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY ANYONE IS FIGHTING.
WE ARE ALL POOR. WE ARE ALL STARVING. WE ARE ALL DYING.
AND NOW, OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME INVOLVED.
WE WERE A NATION OF PEACEFUL PEOPLE. NOW THE WORLD IS HELPING US TEAR OURSELVES APART.
IT...IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE!


IF THIS WAR... DIDN'T HAPPEN...
...MY BROTHER... MY FAMILY... WOULD NOT HAVE DIED!!
I'M SORRY, RAN.
......
I NEED THEM BACK! SOB!
......
......
RUSTLE サワ
RUSTLE サワ
SHHF ガサ
SHP ヌ
......
THERE!
WHAT IS IT?
MORE WORMS.
VEEN キーン
......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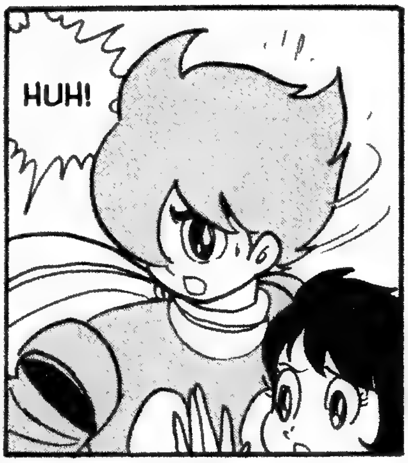
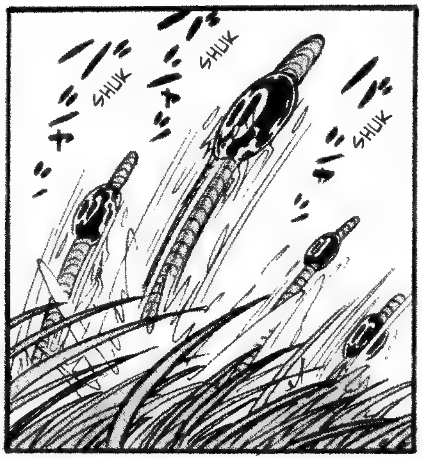

HUH!


SHUK
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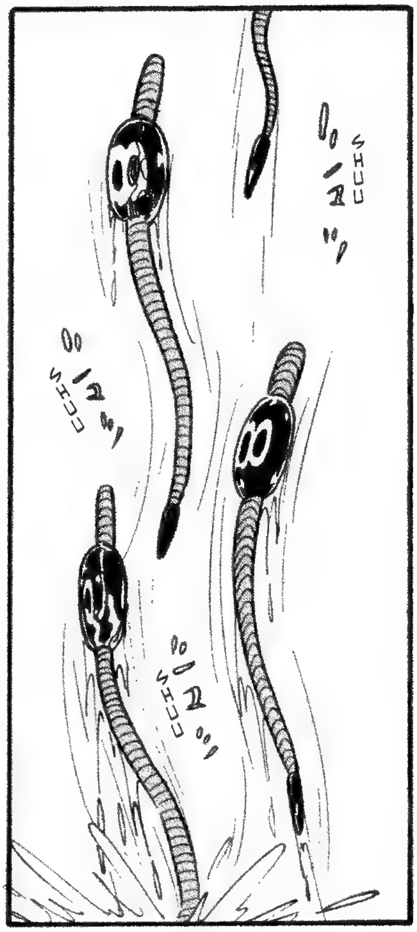
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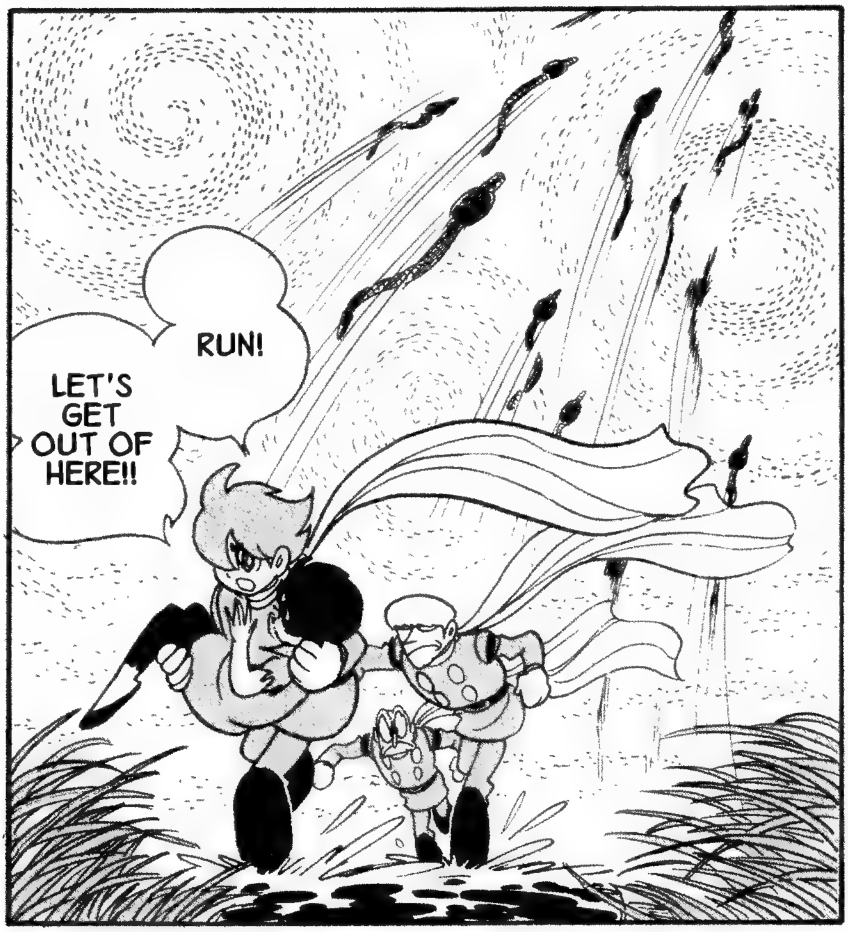
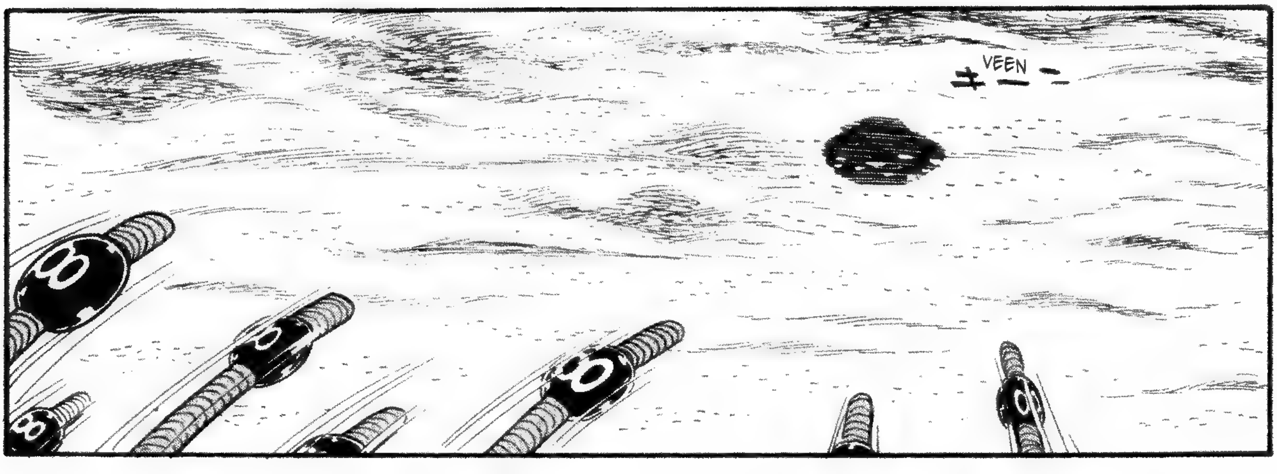

RUN!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!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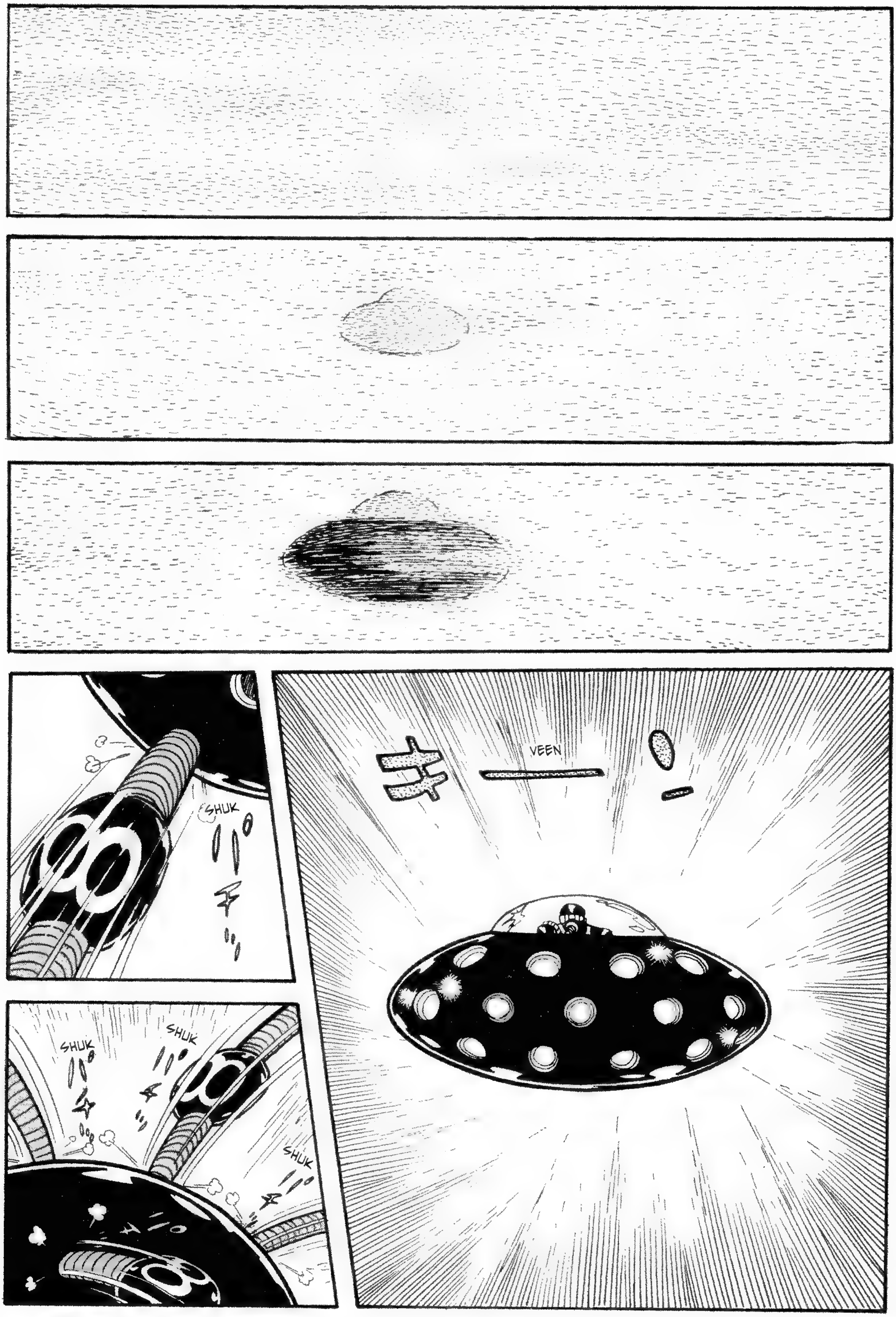
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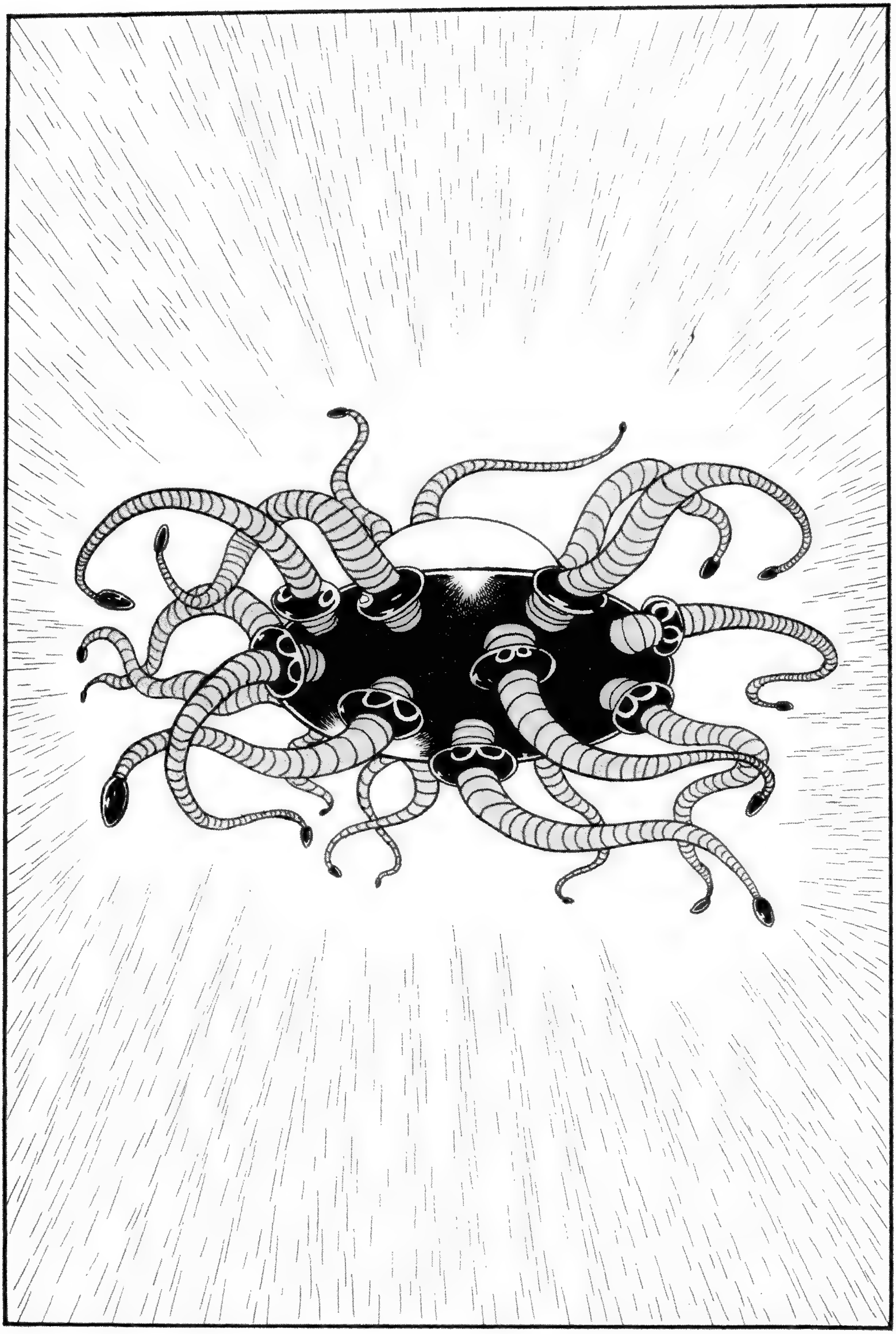

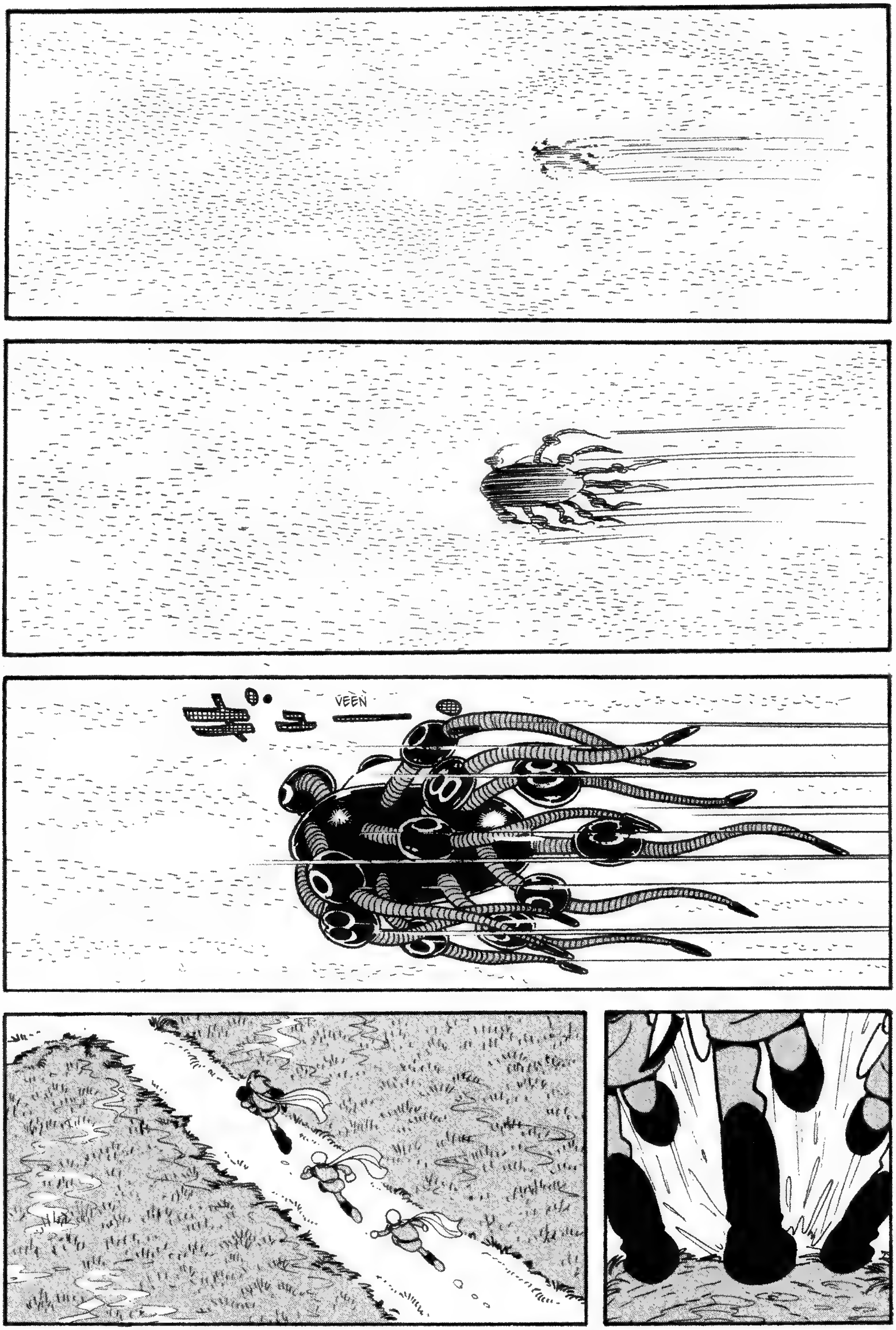
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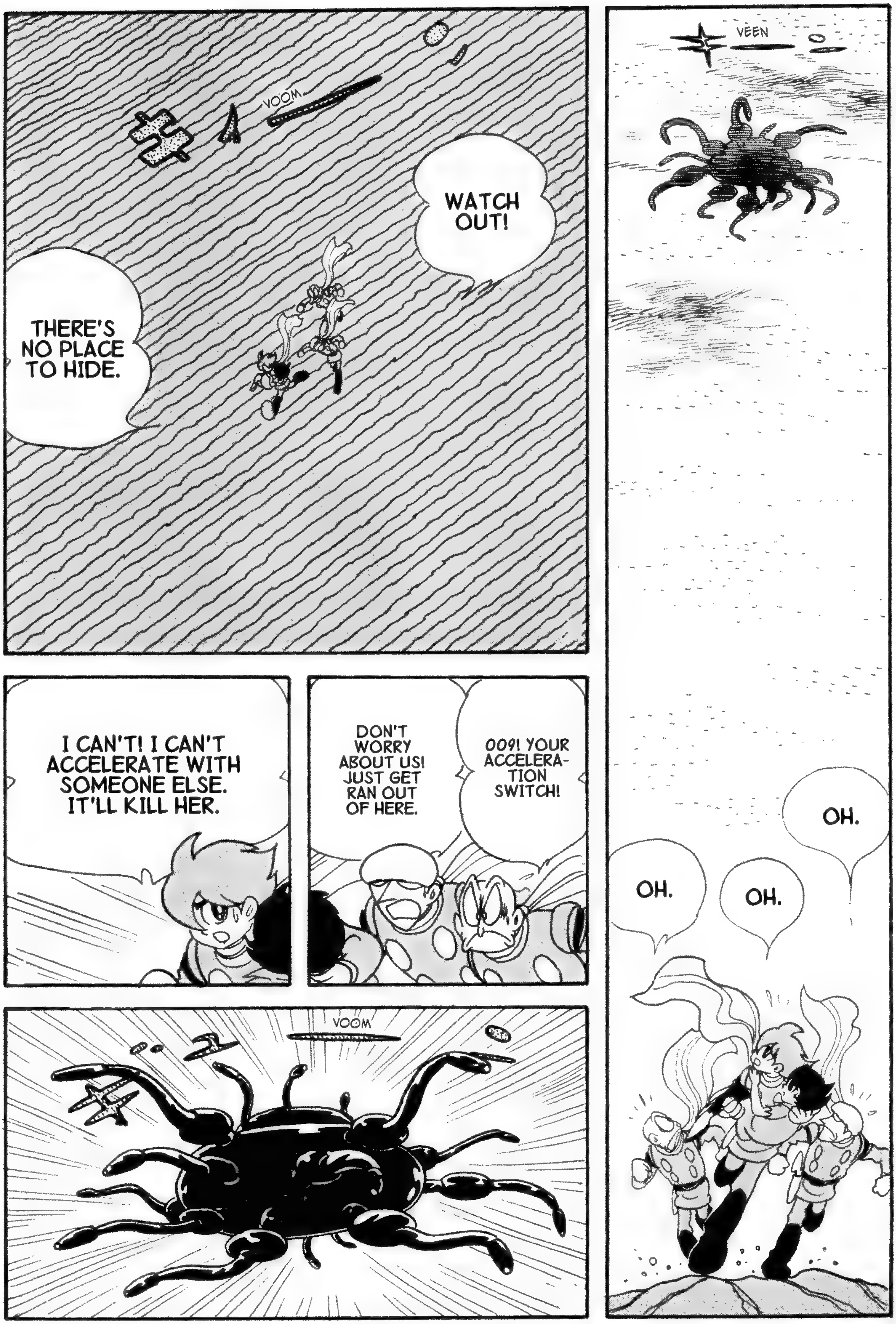
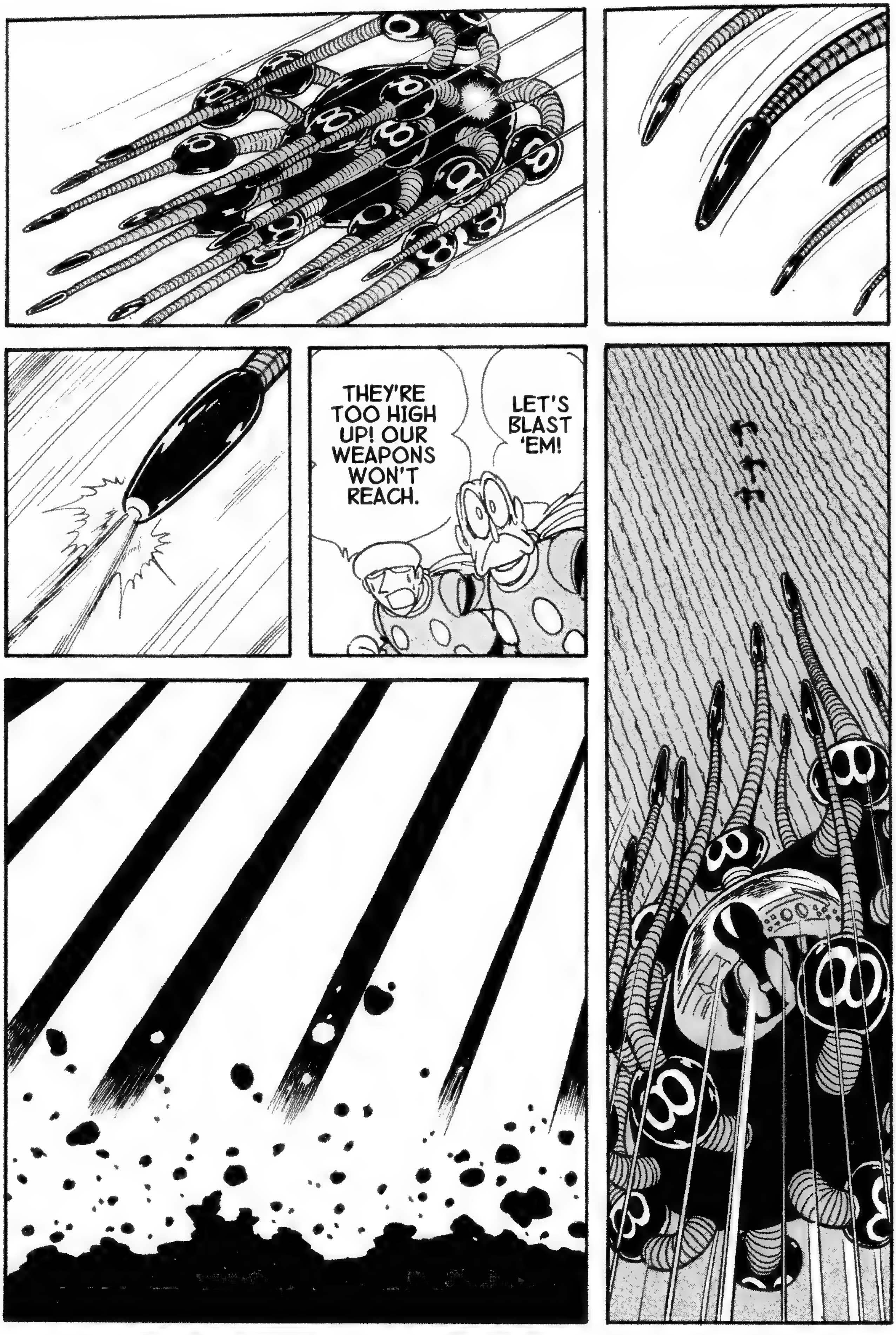
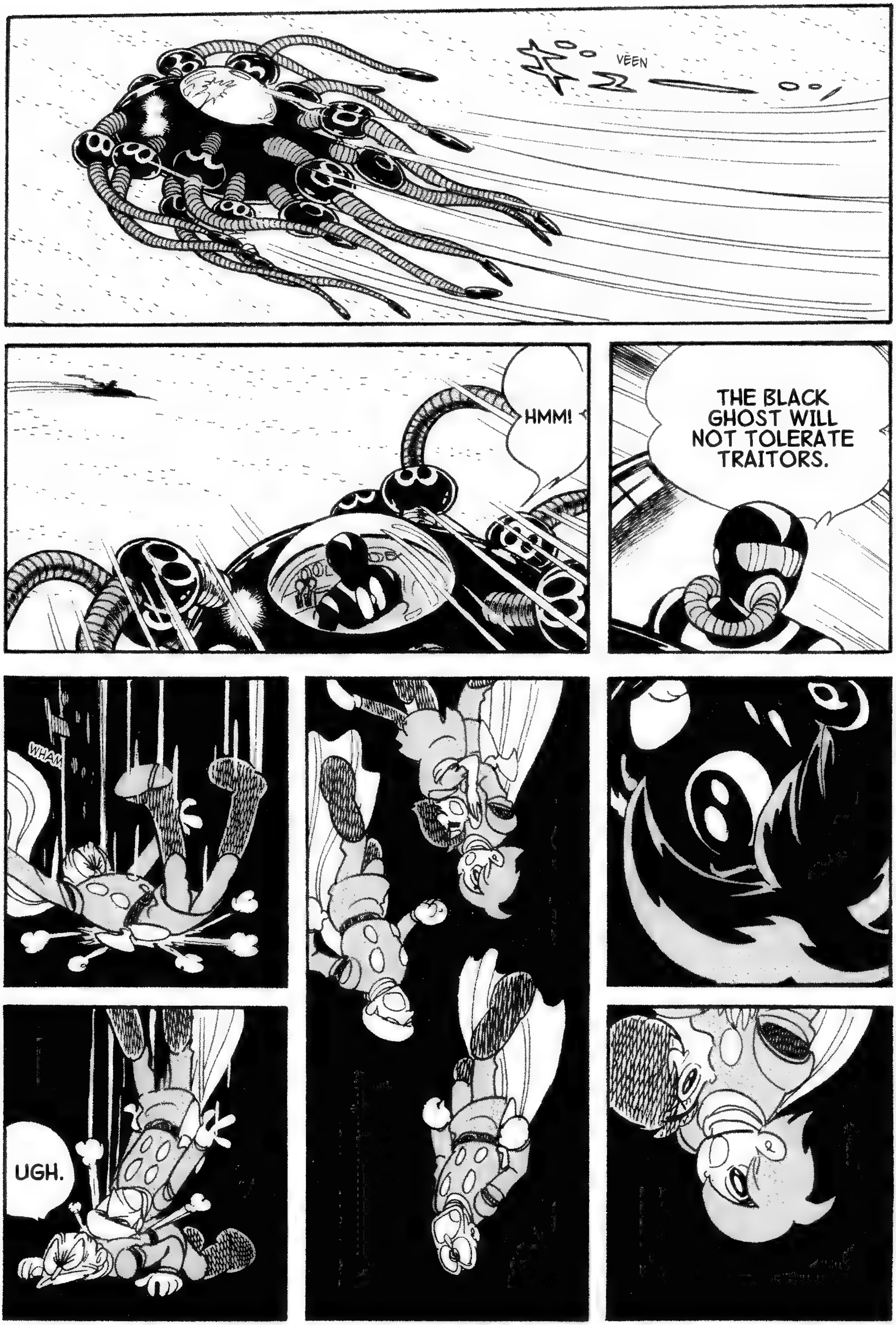

VEEN
OH.
OH.
OH.
VOOM
WATCH OUT!
THERE'S NO PLACE TO HIDE.
009! YOUR ACCELERATION SWITCH!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US! JUST GET RAN OUT OF HERE.
I CAN'T! I CAN'T ACCELERATE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. IT'LL KILL HER.
VOOM


LET'S BLAST 'EM!
THEY'RE TOO HIGH UP! OUR WEAPONS WON'T REACH.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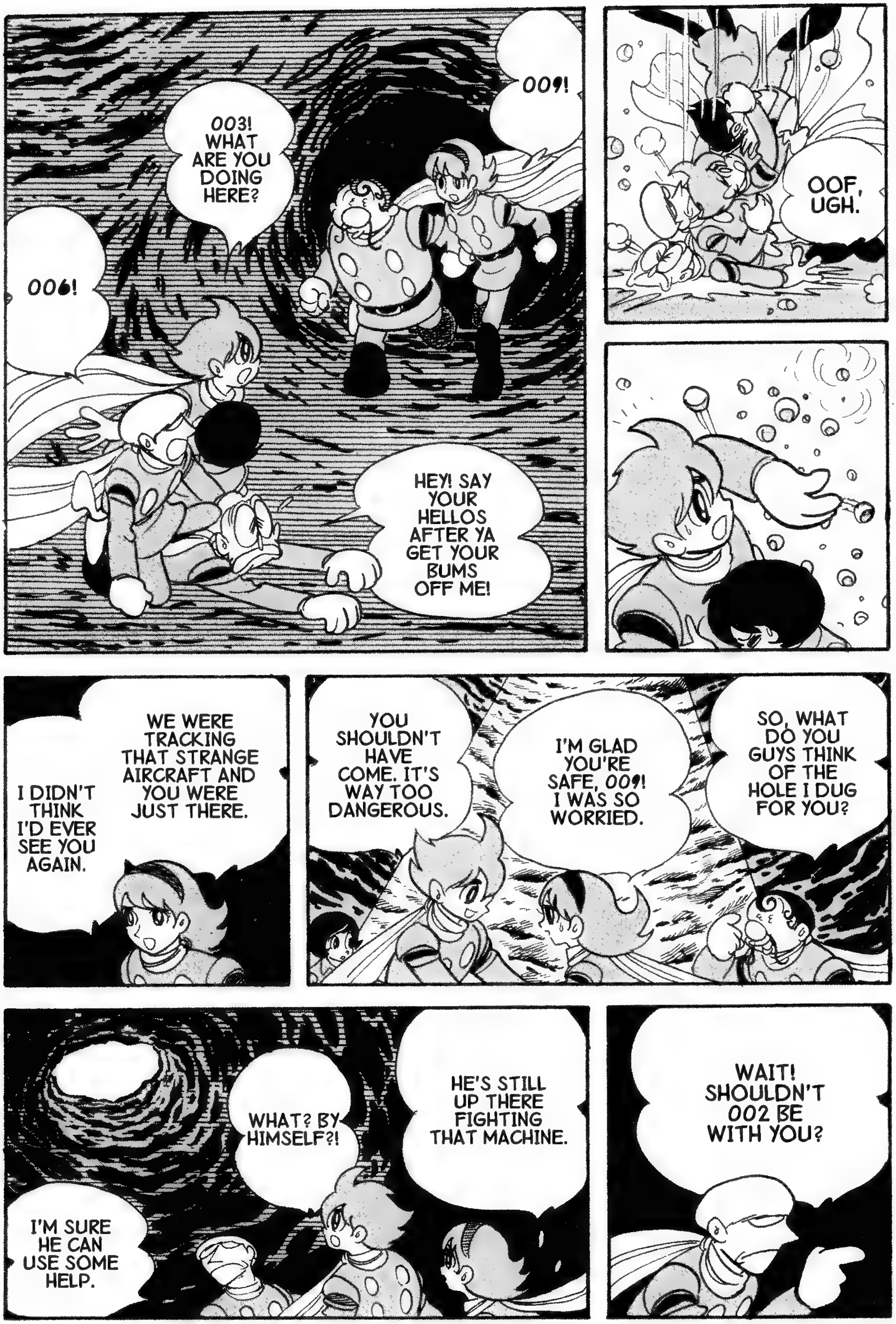
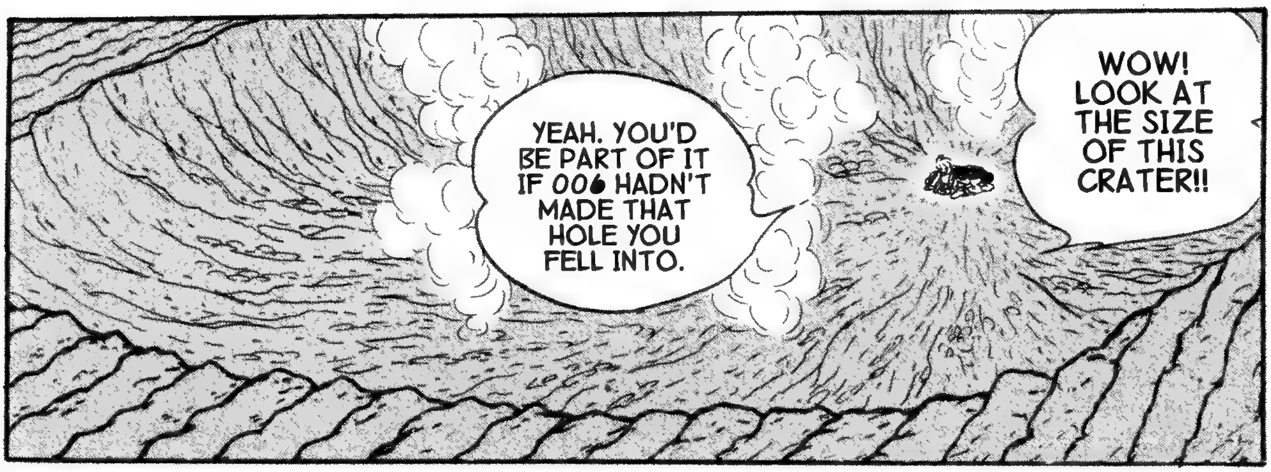
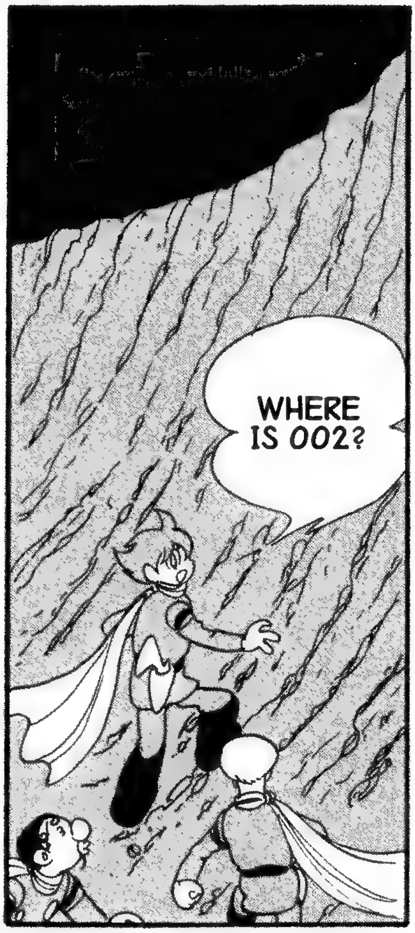
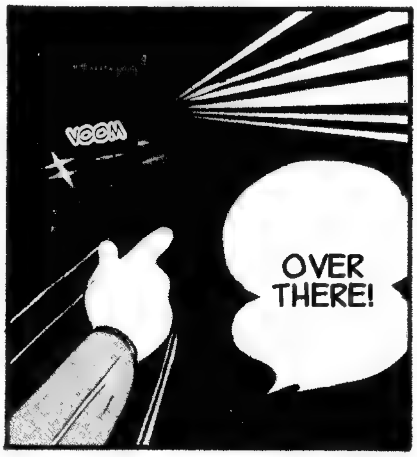
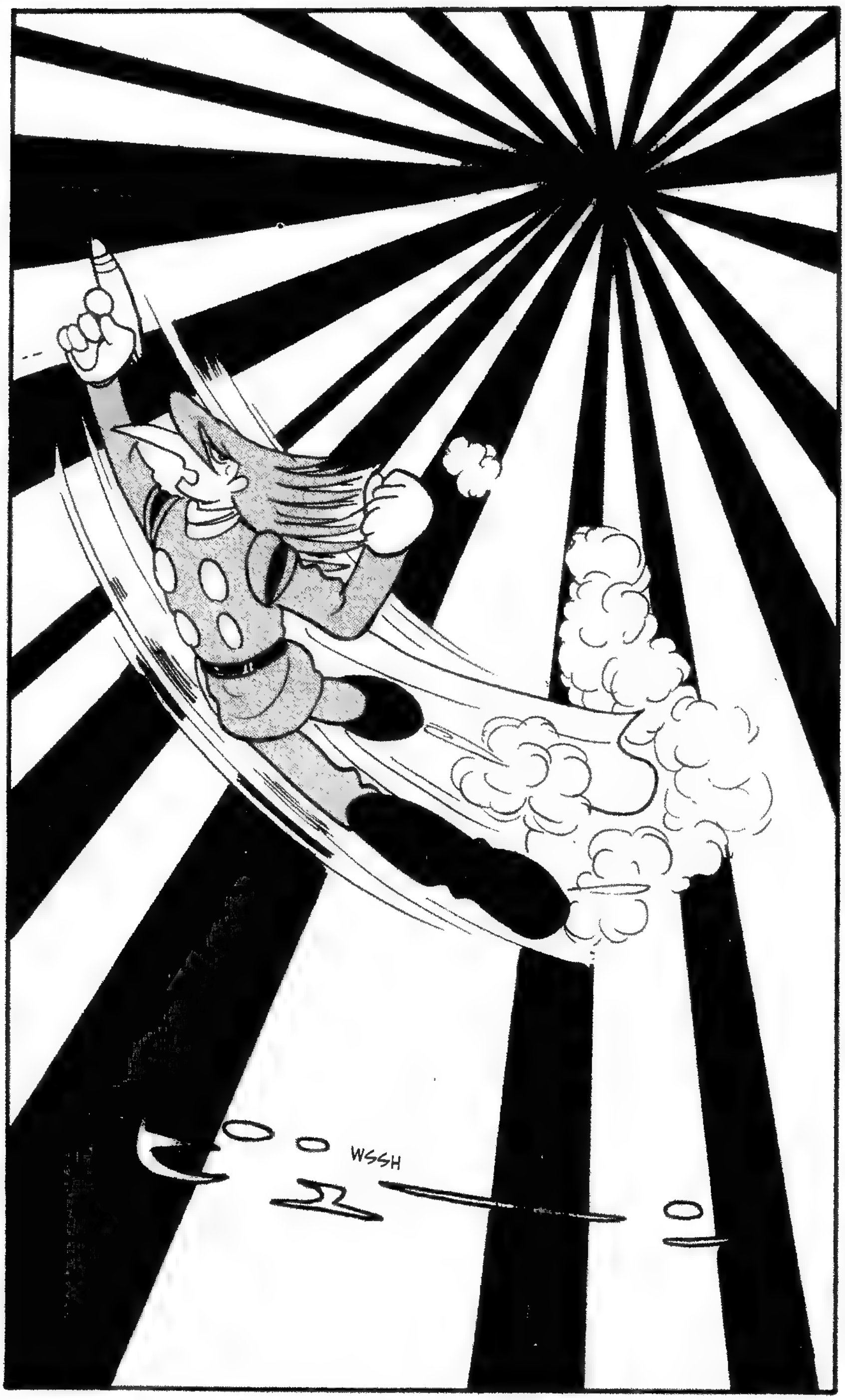
HMM!
THE BLACK GHOST WILL NOT TOLERATE TRAITORS.
WHAM
UGH.


OOF, UGH.
009!
003! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
006!
HEY! SAY YOUR HELLOS AFTER YA GET YOUR BUMS OFF ME!
SO, WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK OF THE HOLE I DUG FOR YOU?
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE, 009! I WAS SO WORRIED.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME. IT'S WAY TOO DANGEROUS.
WE WERE TRACKING THAT STRANGE AIRCRAFT AND YOU WERE JUST THERE.
I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER SEE YOU AGAIN.
WAIT! SHOULDN'T 002 BE WITH YOU?
HE'S STILL UP THERE FIGHTING THAT MACHINE.
WHAT? BY HIMSELF?!
I'M SURE HE CAN USE SOME HELP.


WOW! LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THIS CRATER!!
YEAH. YOU'D BE PART OF IT IF 006 HADN'T MADE THAT HOLE YOU FELL INTO.


WHERE IS 002?


VOOM
OVER THERE!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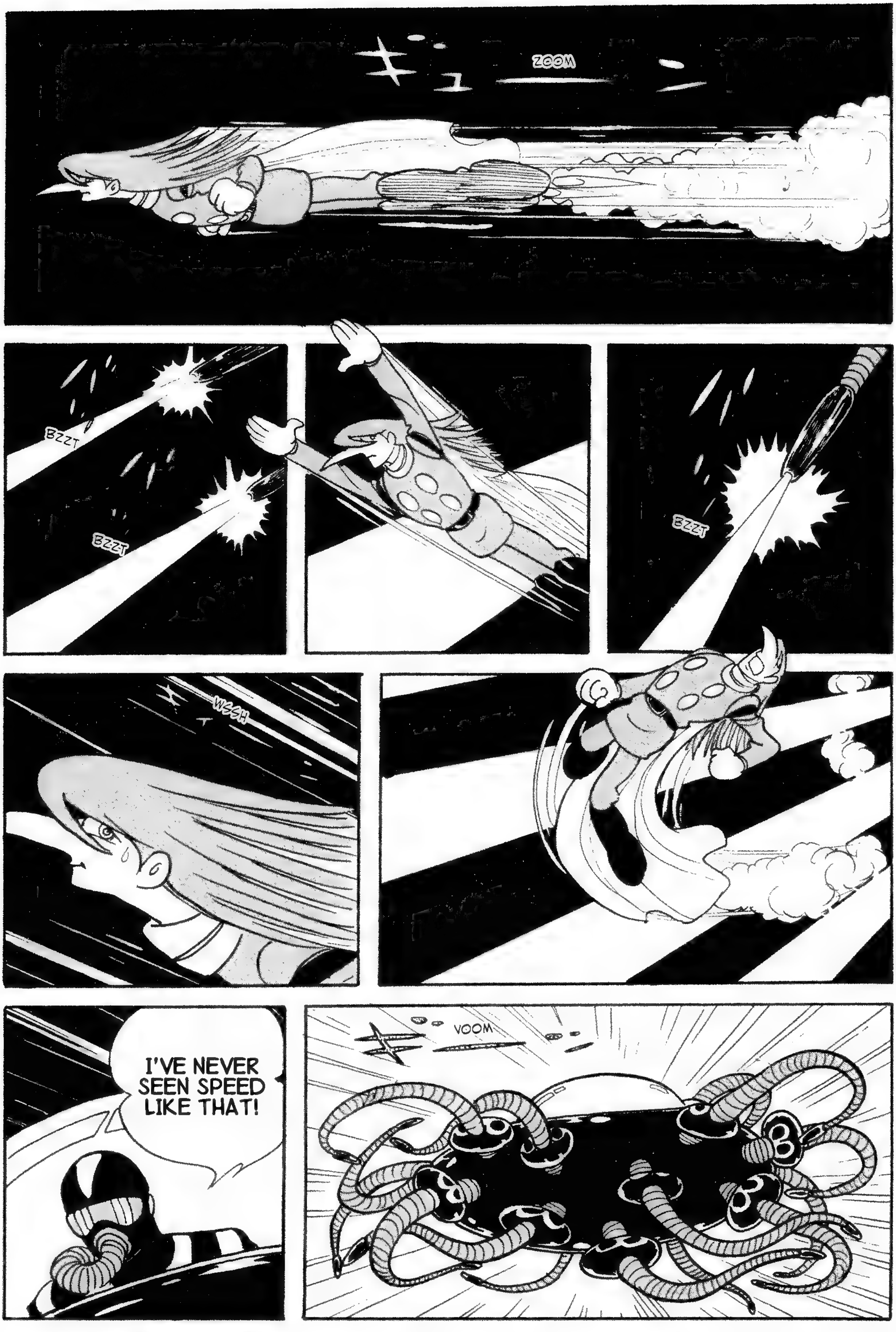
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BZZT
BZZT
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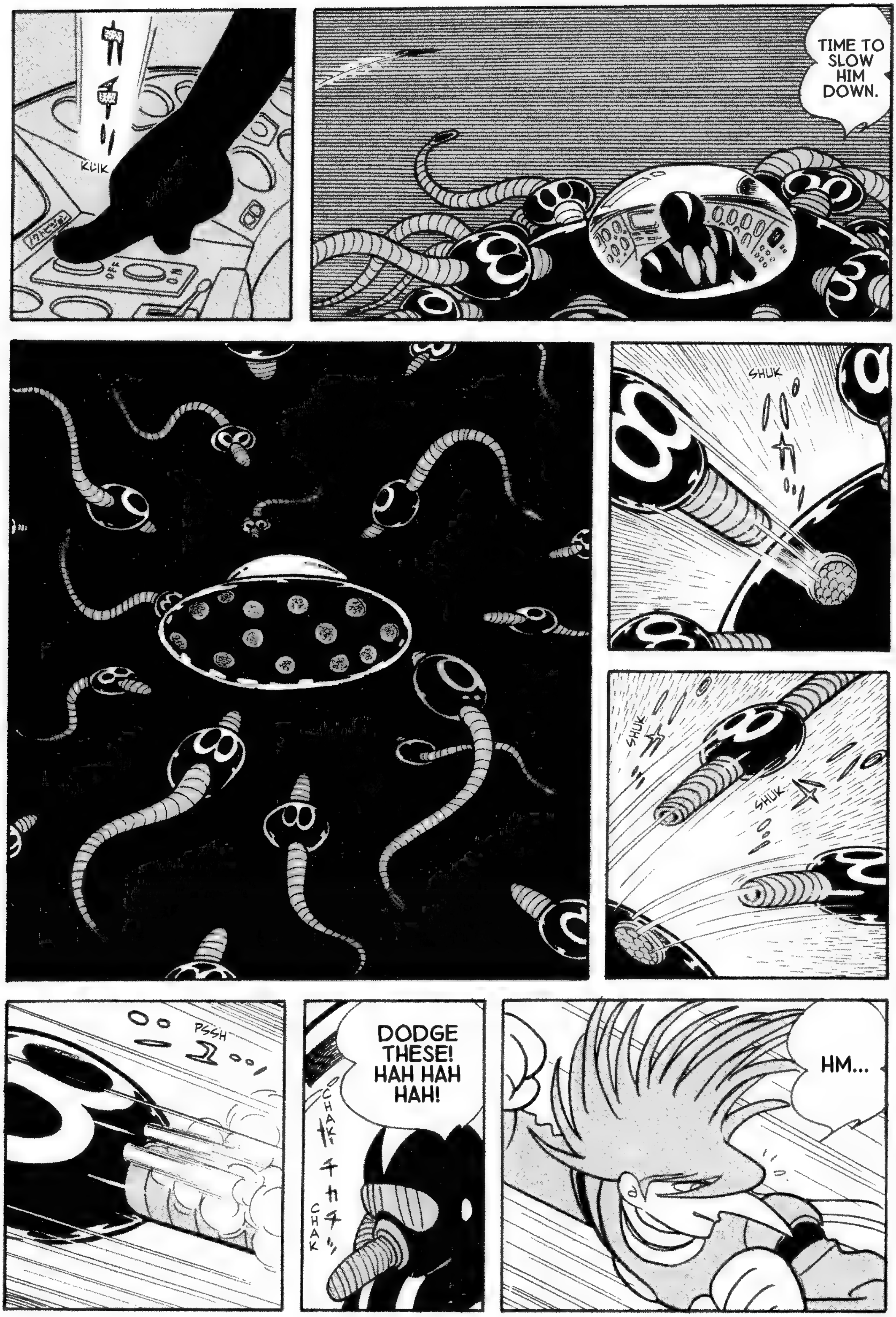
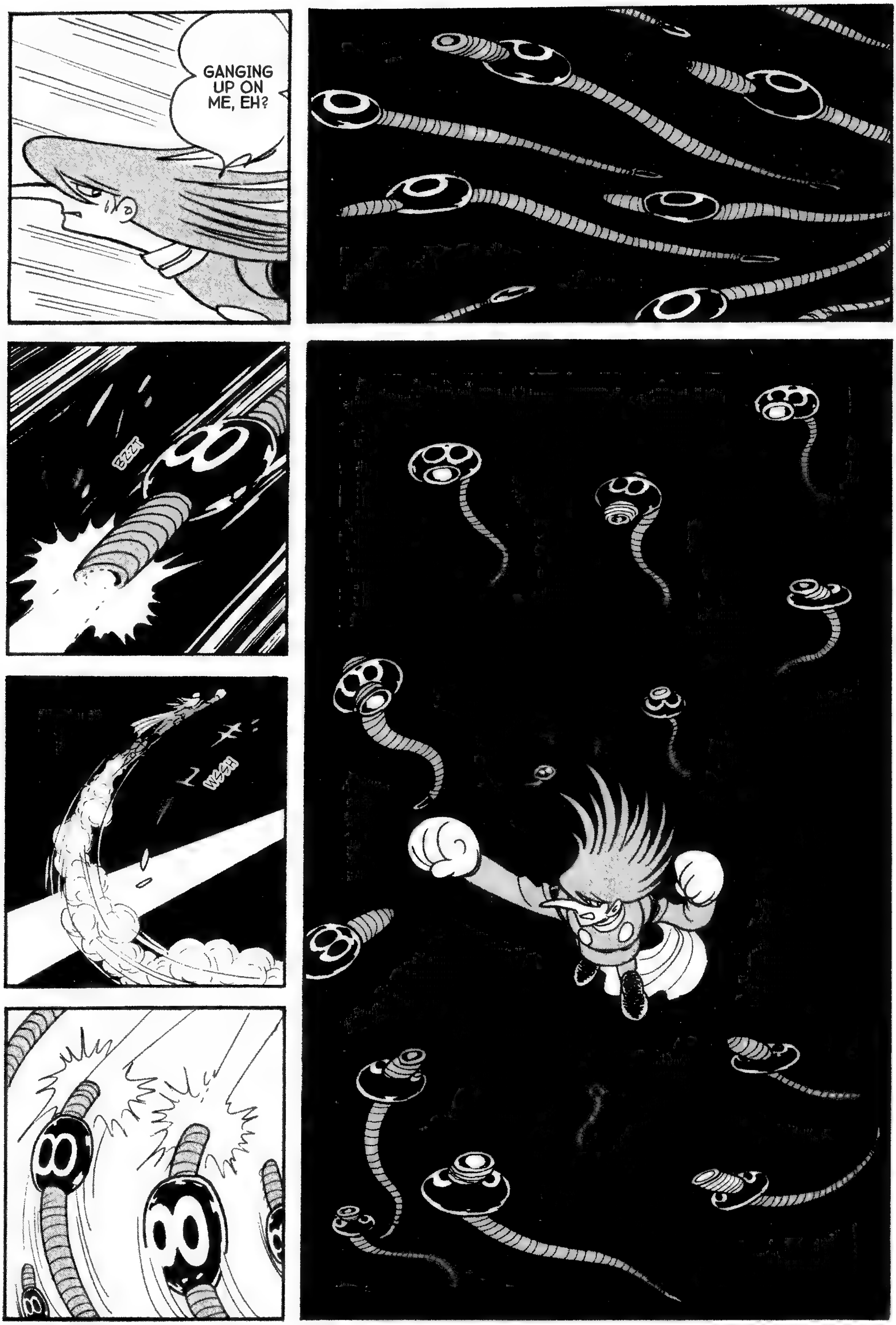
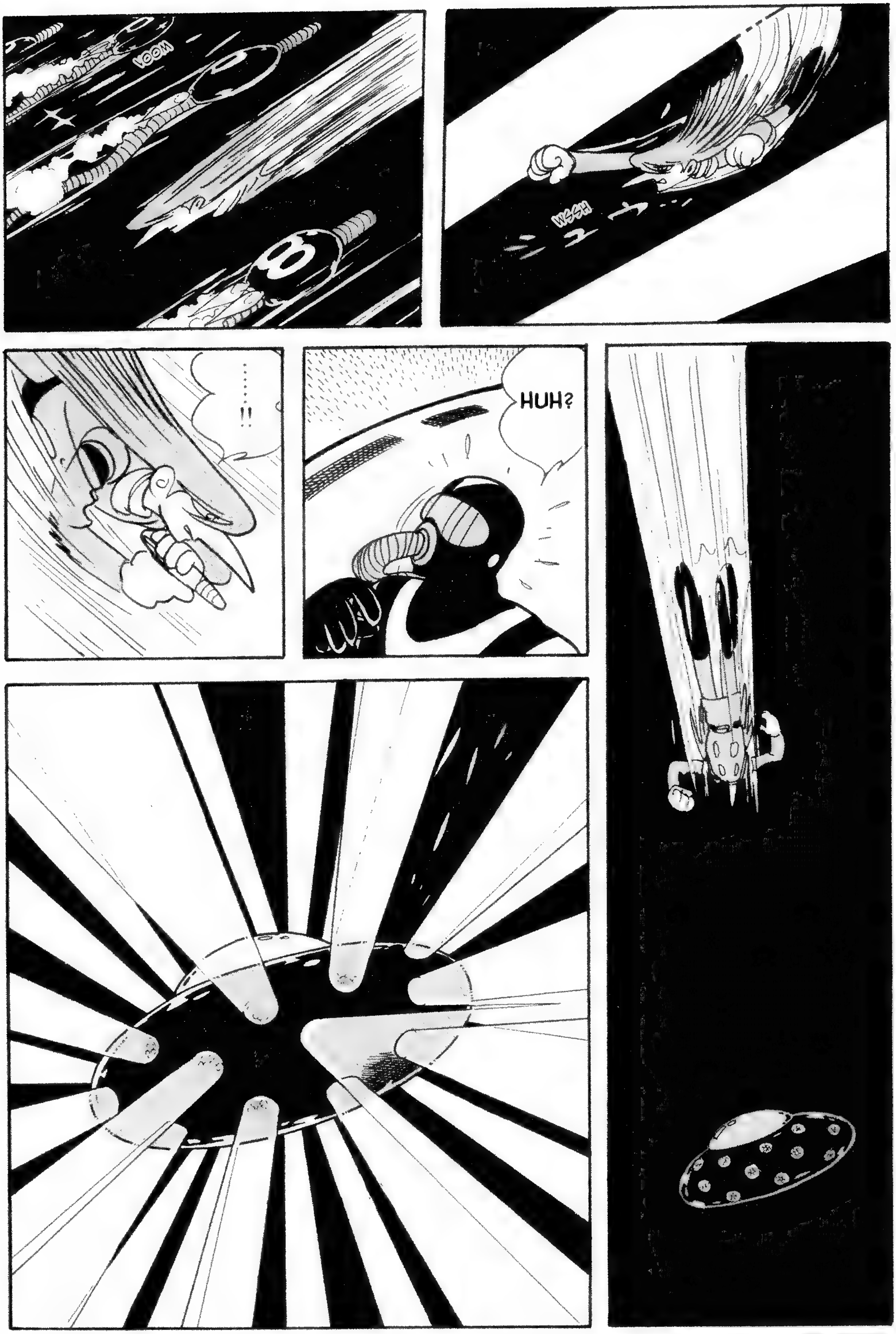
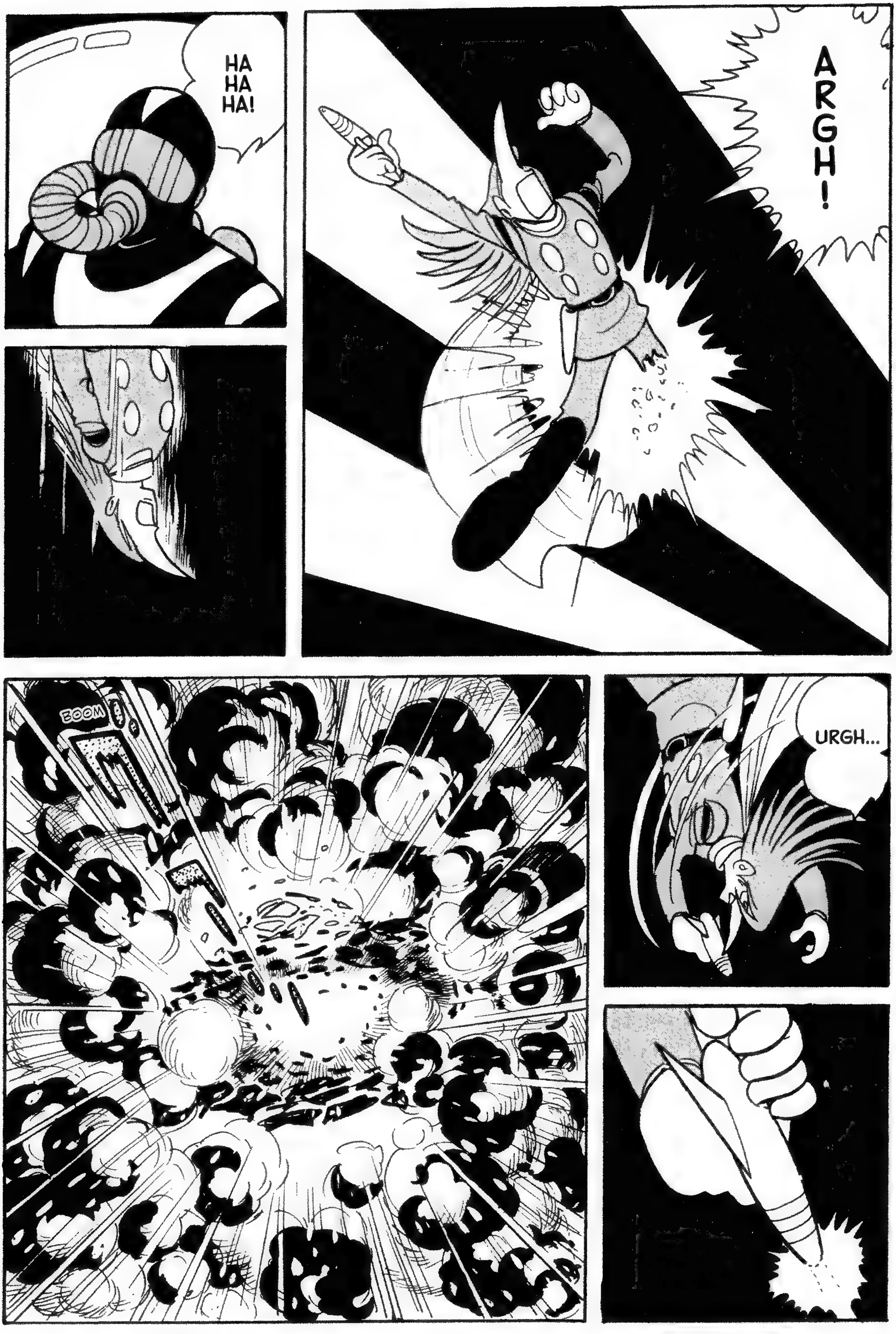
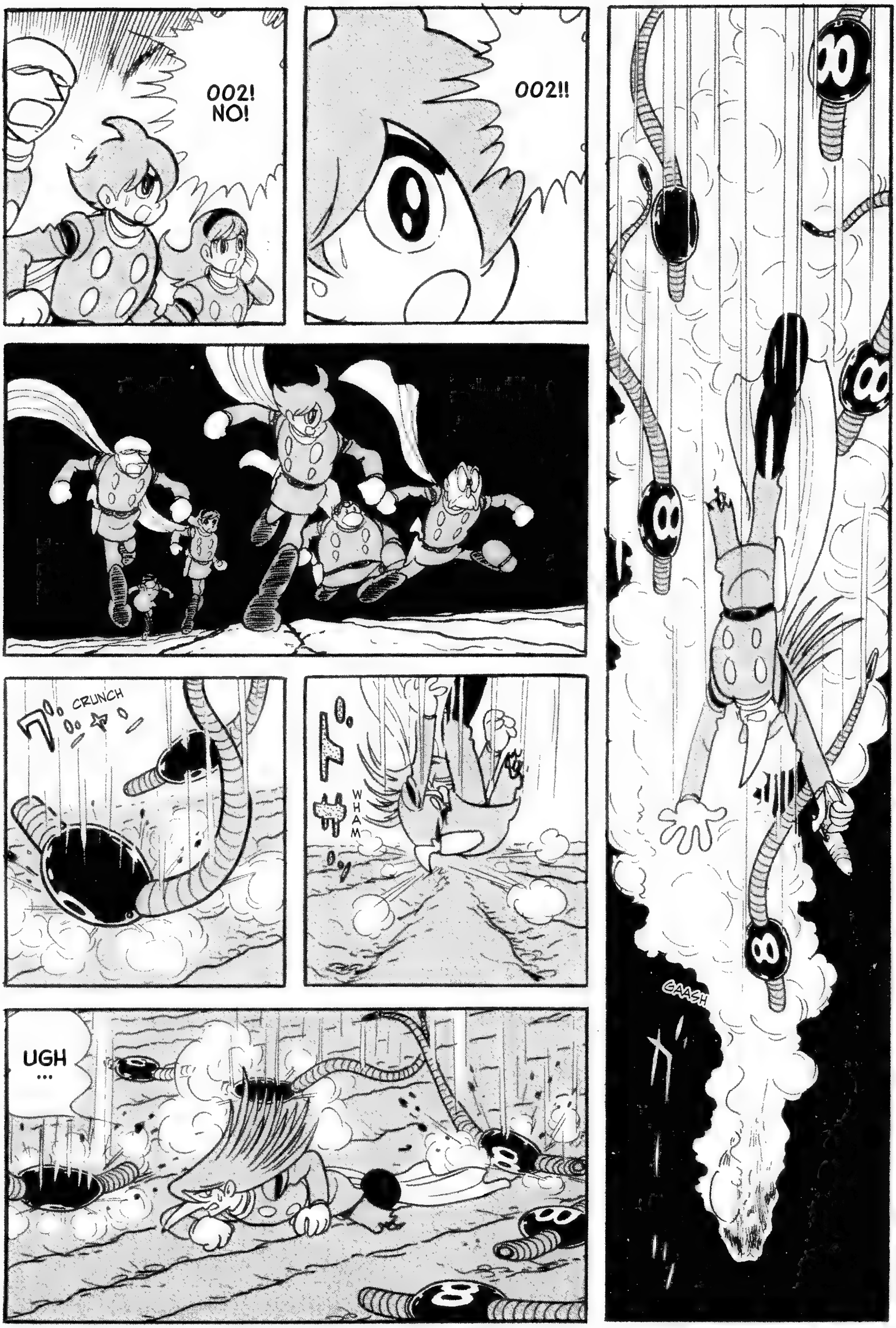
WSSH
I'VE NEVER SEEN SPEED LIKE THAT!
VOOM


KLIK
TIME TO SLOW HIM DOWN.
SHUK
SHUK
SHUK
PSSH
DODGE THESE! HAH HAH HAH!
CHAK
CHAK
HM...


GANGING UP ON ME, EH?
BZZT
WSSH


VOOM
WSSH
……!!
HUH?


HA HA HA!
ARGH!
BOOM
URGH...


GAASH
002!!
002! NO!
WHAM
CRUNCH
UGH
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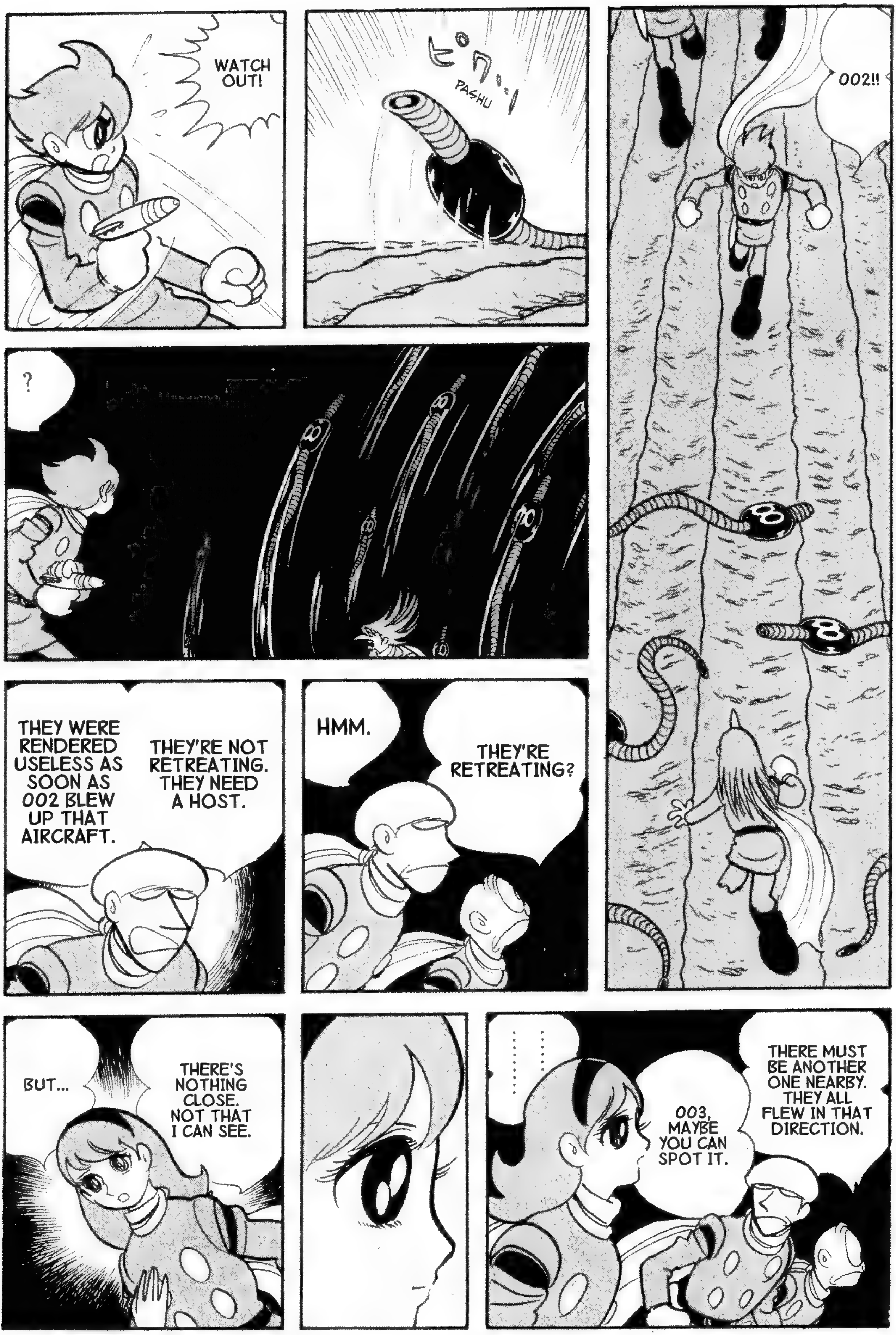
002!!
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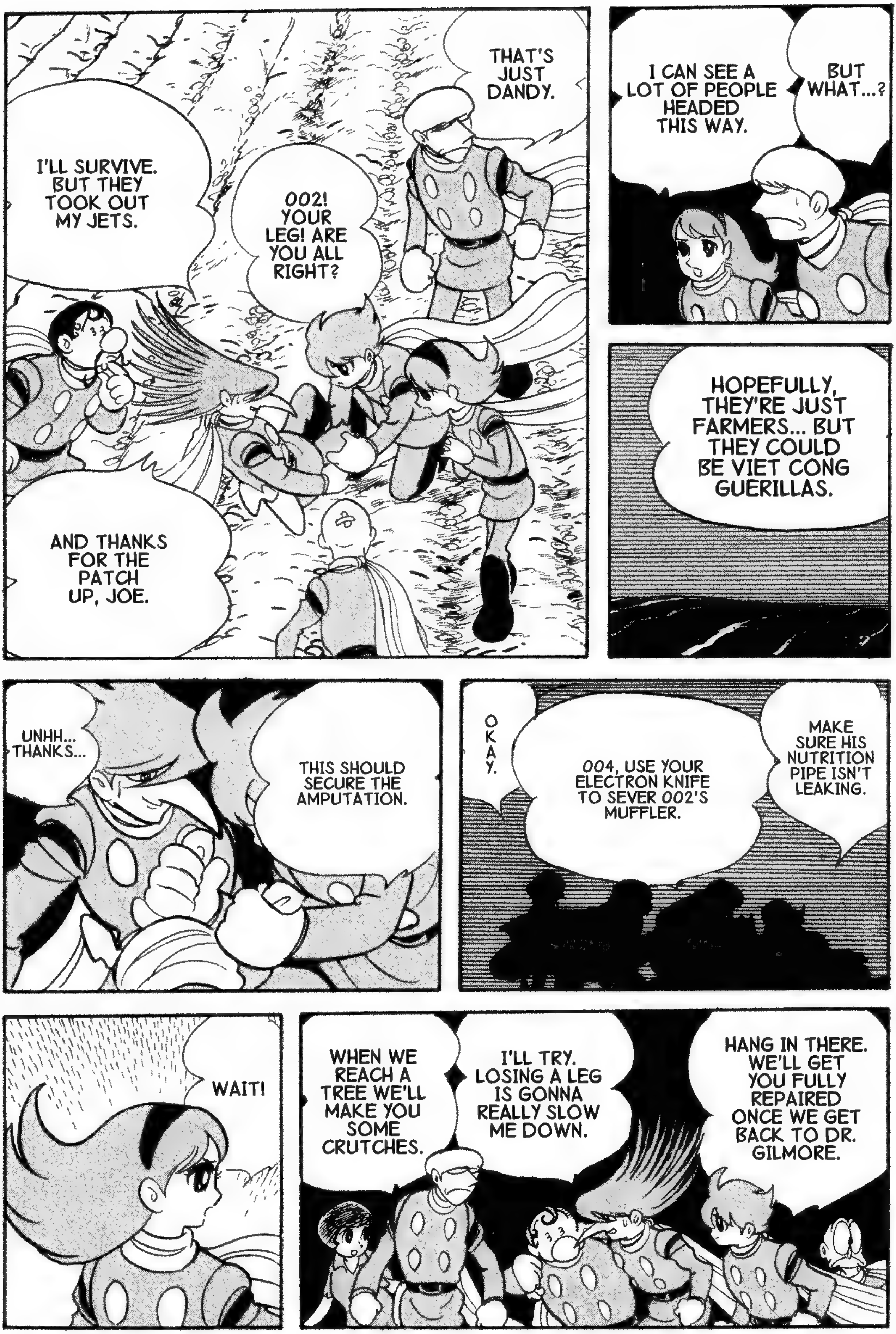
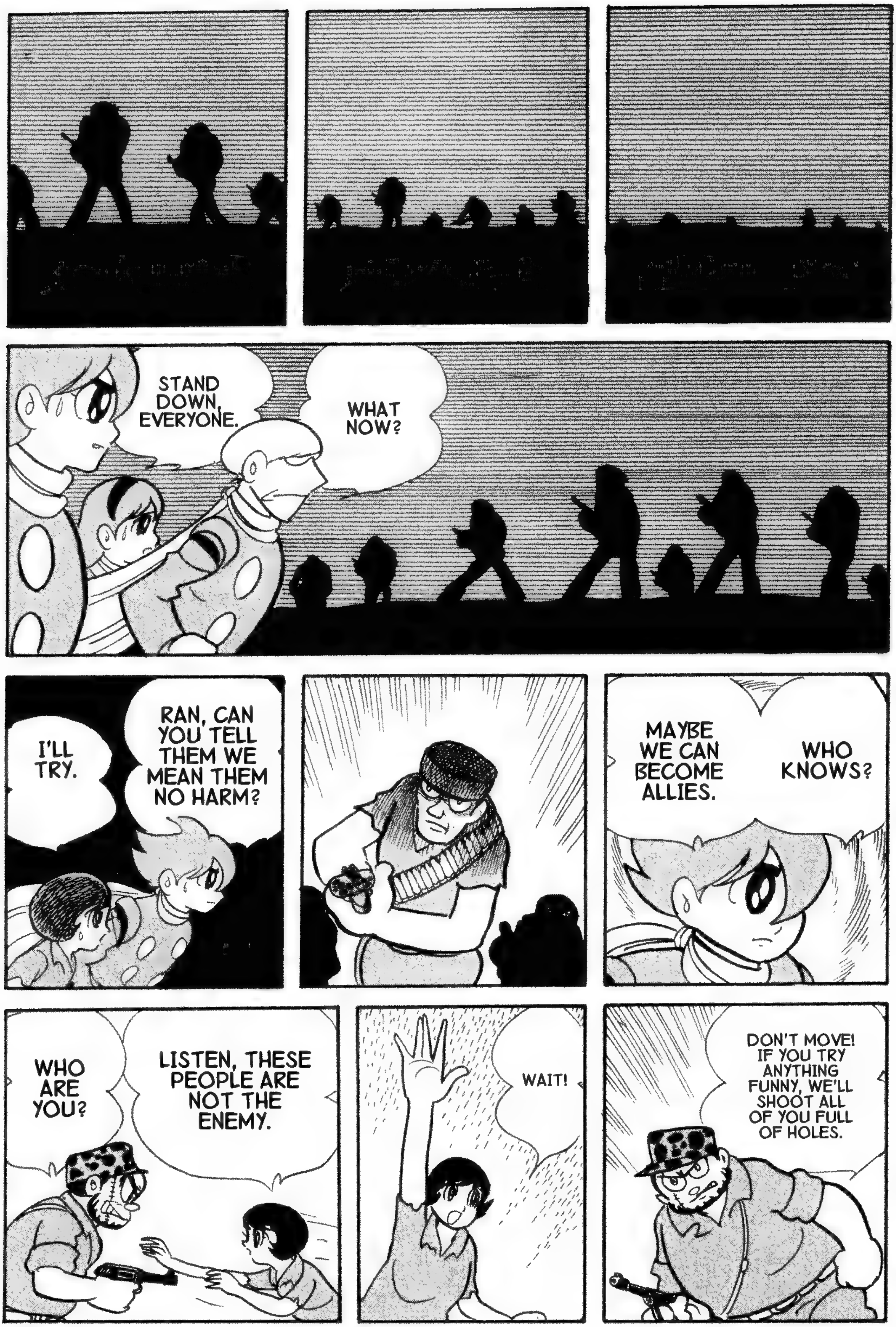
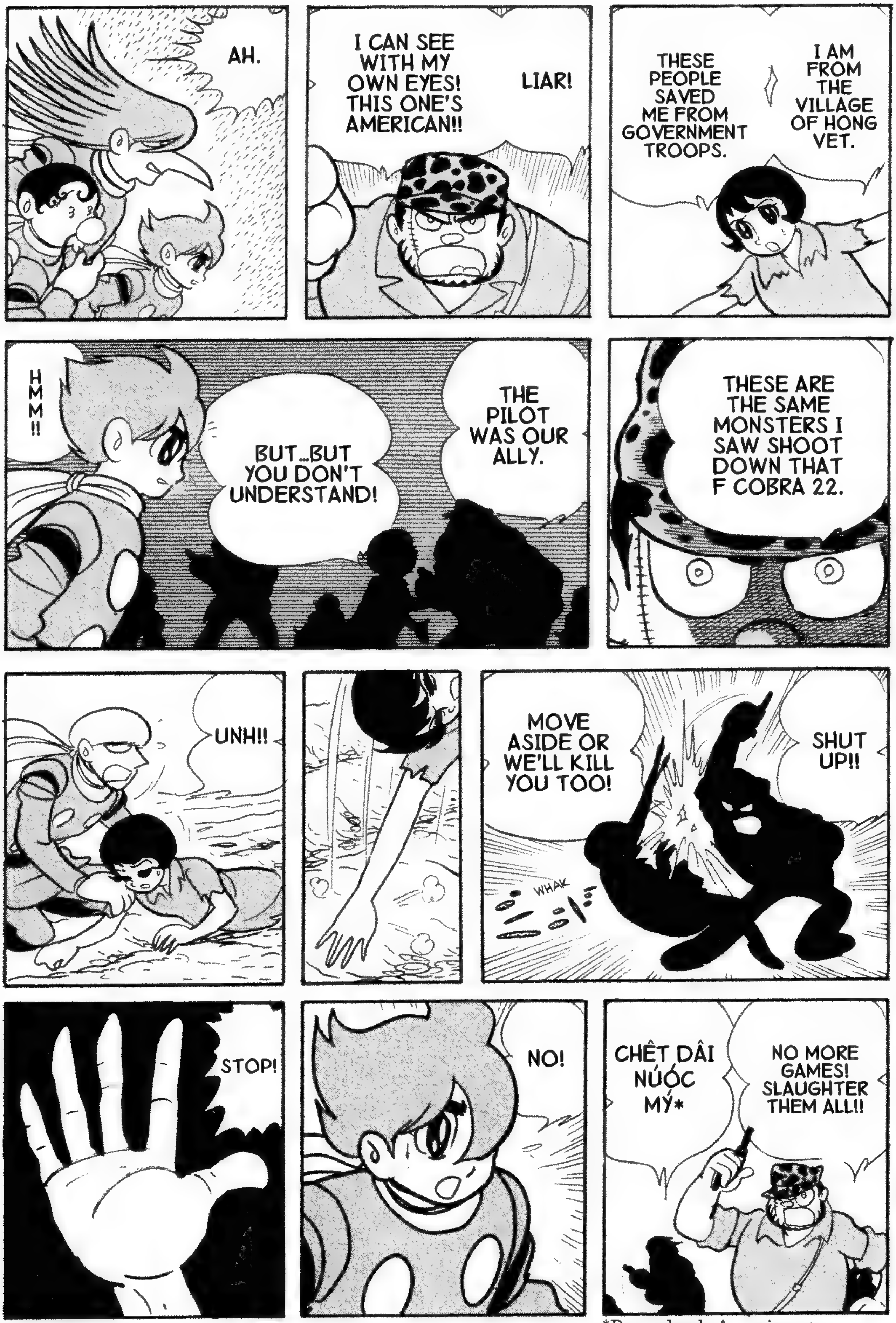
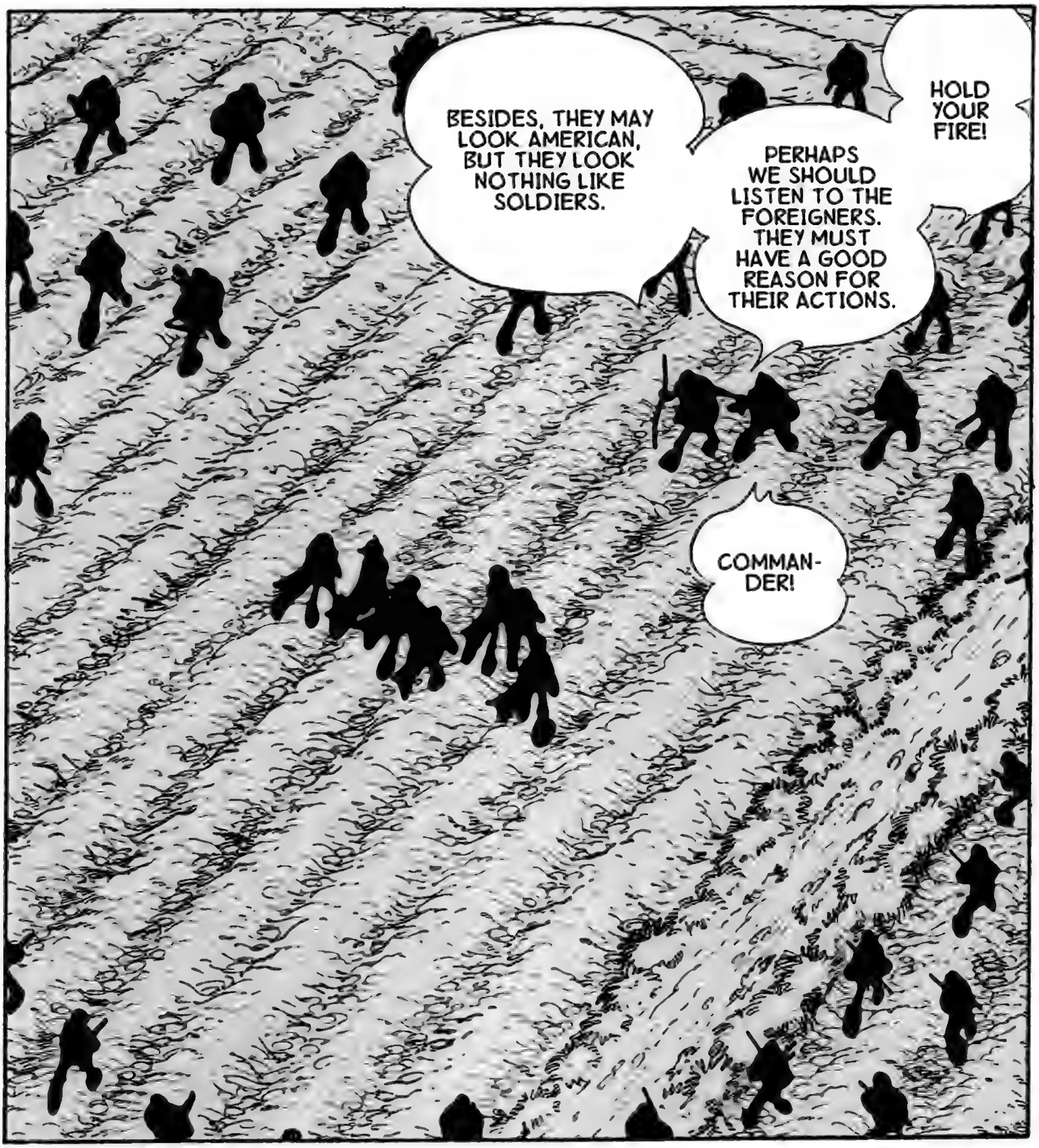
PASHU
WATCH OUT!
?
THEY'RE RETREATING?
HMM.
THEY'RE NOT RETREATING. THEY NEED A HOST.
THEY WERE RENDERED USELESS AS SOON AS 002 BLEW UP THAT AIRCRAFT.
THERE MUST BE ANOTHER ONE NEARBY. THEY ALL FLEW IN THAT DIRECTION.
003, MAYBE YOU CAN SPOT IT.
......
THERE'S NOTHING CLOSE. NOT THAT I CAN SEE.
BUT...

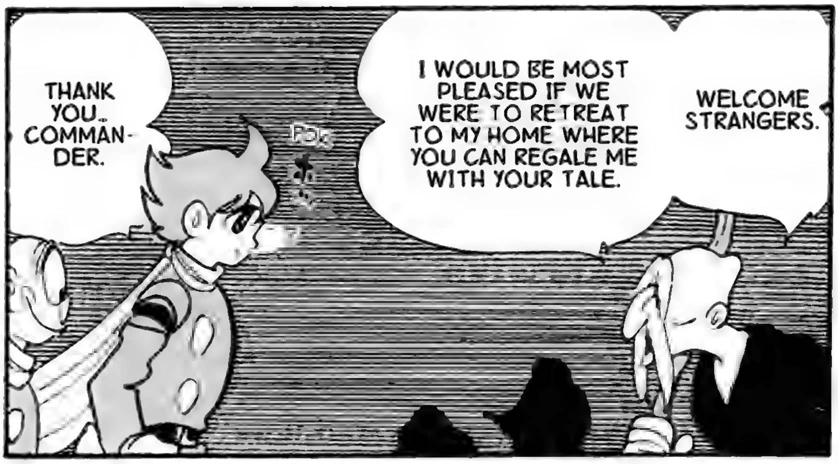

BUT WHAT...?
I CAN SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE HEADED THIS WAY.
HOPEFULLY, THEY'RE JUST FARMERS... BUT THEY COULD BE VIET CONG GUERILLAS.
THAT'S JUST DANDY.
002! YOUR LEG! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'LL SURVIVE. BUT THEY TOOK OUT MY JETS.
AND THANKS FOR THE PATCH UP, JOE.
MAKE SURE HIS NUTRITION PIPE ISN'T LEAKING.
004, USE YOUR ELECTRON KNIFE TO SEVER 002'S MUFFLER.
OKAY.
THIS SHOULD SECURE THE AMPUTATION.
UNHH... THANKS...
HANG IN THERE. WE'LL GET YOU FULLY REPAIRED ONCE WE GET BACK TO DR. GILMORE.
I'LL TRY. LOSING A LEG IS GONNA REALLY SLOW ME DOWN.
WHEN WE REACH A TREE WE'LL MAKE YOU SOME CRUTCHES.
WAIT!

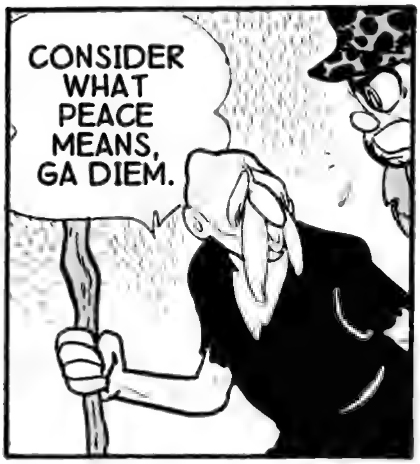

WHAT NOW?
STAND DOWN, EVERYONE.
WHO KNOWS?
MAYBE WE CAN BECOME ALLIES.
RAN, CAN YOU TELL THEM WE MEAN THEM NO HARM?
I'LL TRY.
DON'T MOVE! IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, WE'LL SHOOT ALL OF YOU FULL OF HOLES.
WAIT!
LISTEN, THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT THE ENEMY.
WHO ARE YOU?

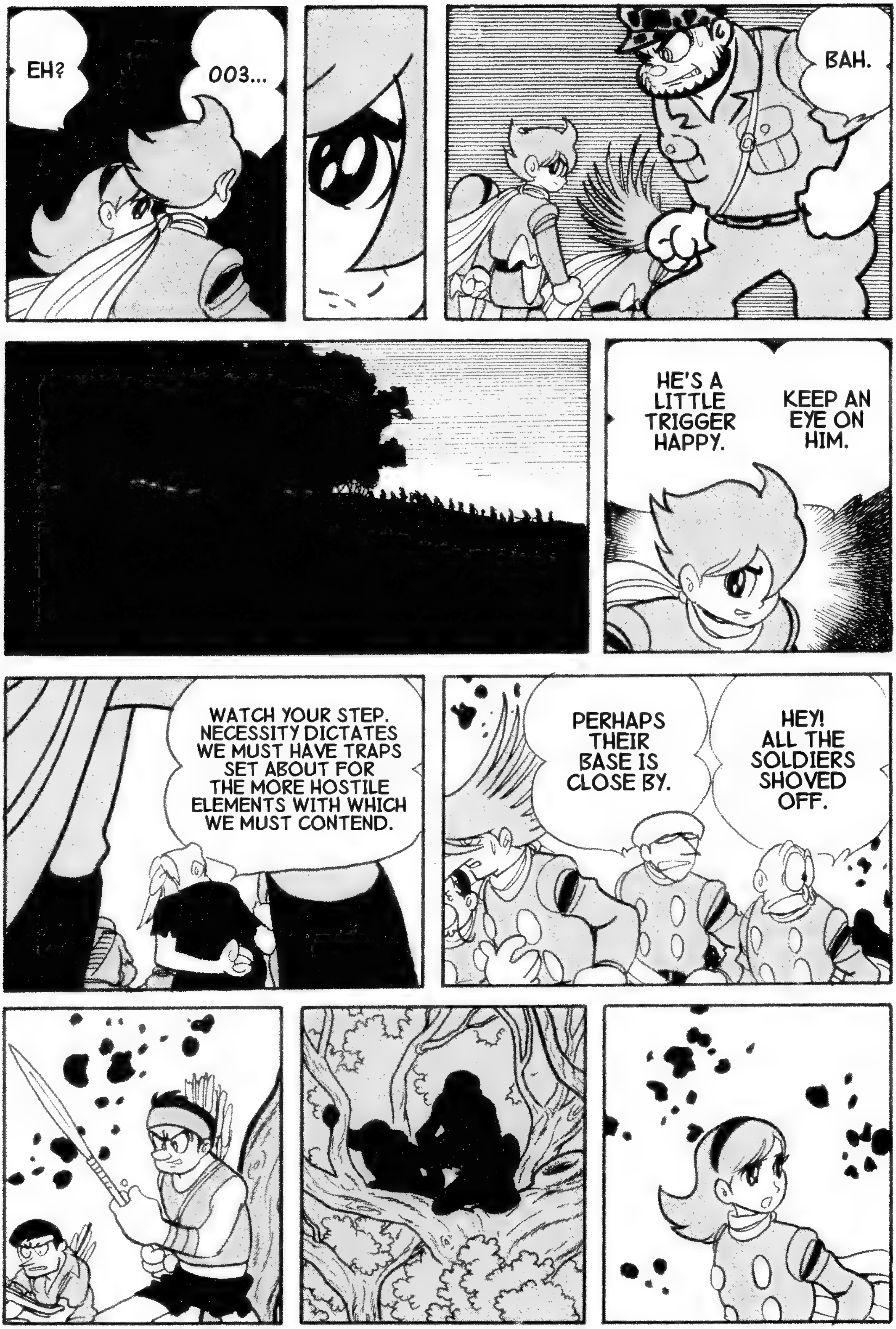

AH.
LIAR!
I CAN SEE WITH MY OWN EYES! THIS ONE'S AMERICAN!!
I AM FROM THE VILLAGE OF HONG VET.
THESE PEOPLE SAVED ME FROM GOVERNMENT TROOPS.
HMM!!
BUT...BUT YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!
THE PILOT WAS OUR ALLY.
THESE ARE THE SAME MONSTERS I SAW SHOOT DOWN THAT F COBRA 22.
UNH!!
MOVE ASIDE OR WE'LL KILL YOU TOO!
SHUT UP!!
WHAK
STOP!
NO!
CHÊT DÂI NÚÓC MÝ*
NO MORE GAMES! SLAUGHTER THEM ALL!!

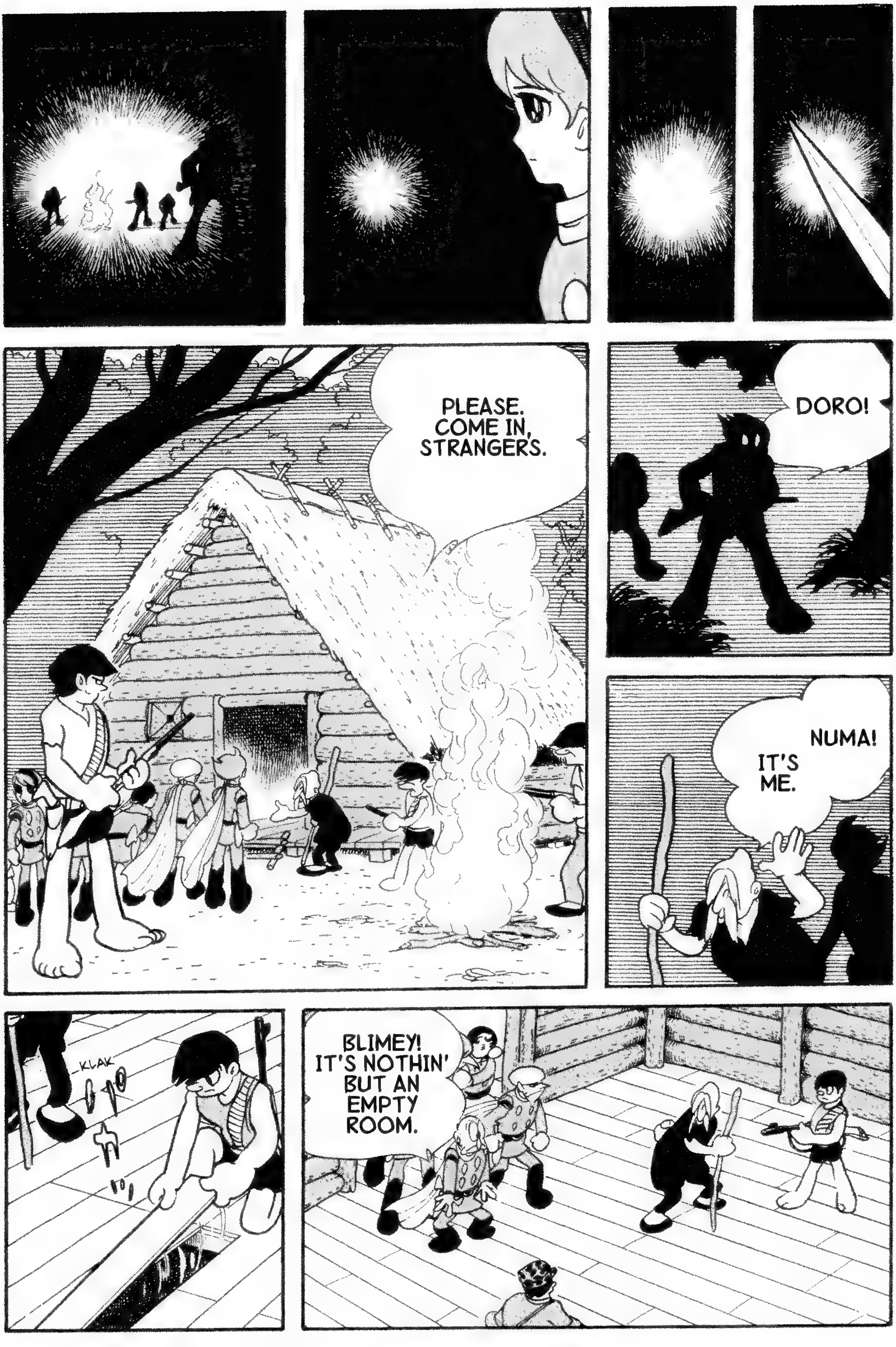
*Drop dead, Americans

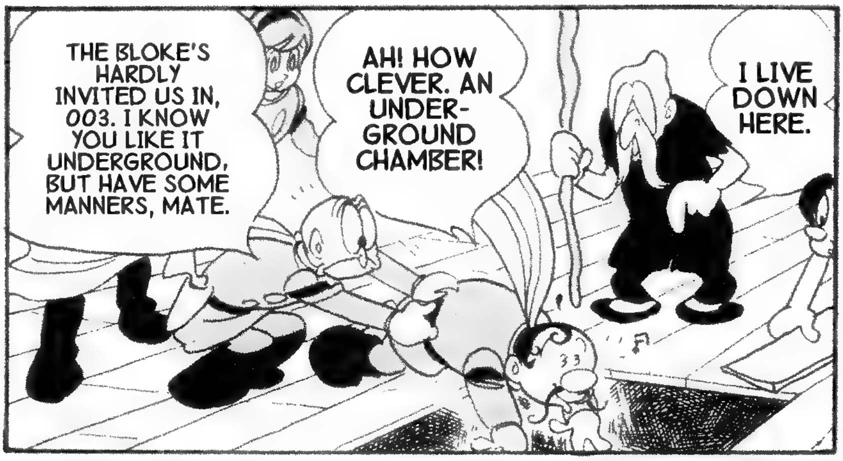

BESIDES, THEY MAY LOOK AMERICAN, BUT THEY LOOK NOTHING LIKE SOLDIERS.
HOLD YOUR FIRE!
PERHAPS WE SHOULD LISTEN TO THE FOREIGNERS. THEY MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON FOR THEIR ACTIONS.
COMMANDER!

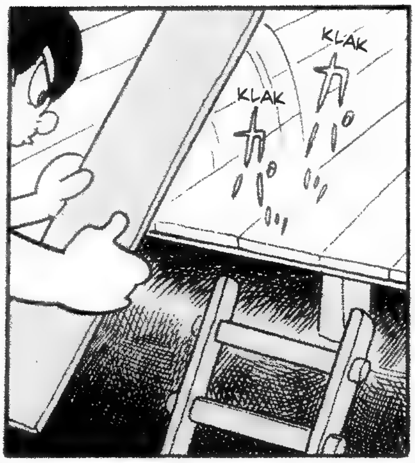

THANK YOU.. COMMANDER.
I WOULD BE MOST PLEASED IF WE WERE TO RETREAT TO MY HOME WHERE YOU CAN REGALE ME WITH YOUR TALE.
WELCOME STRANGERS.

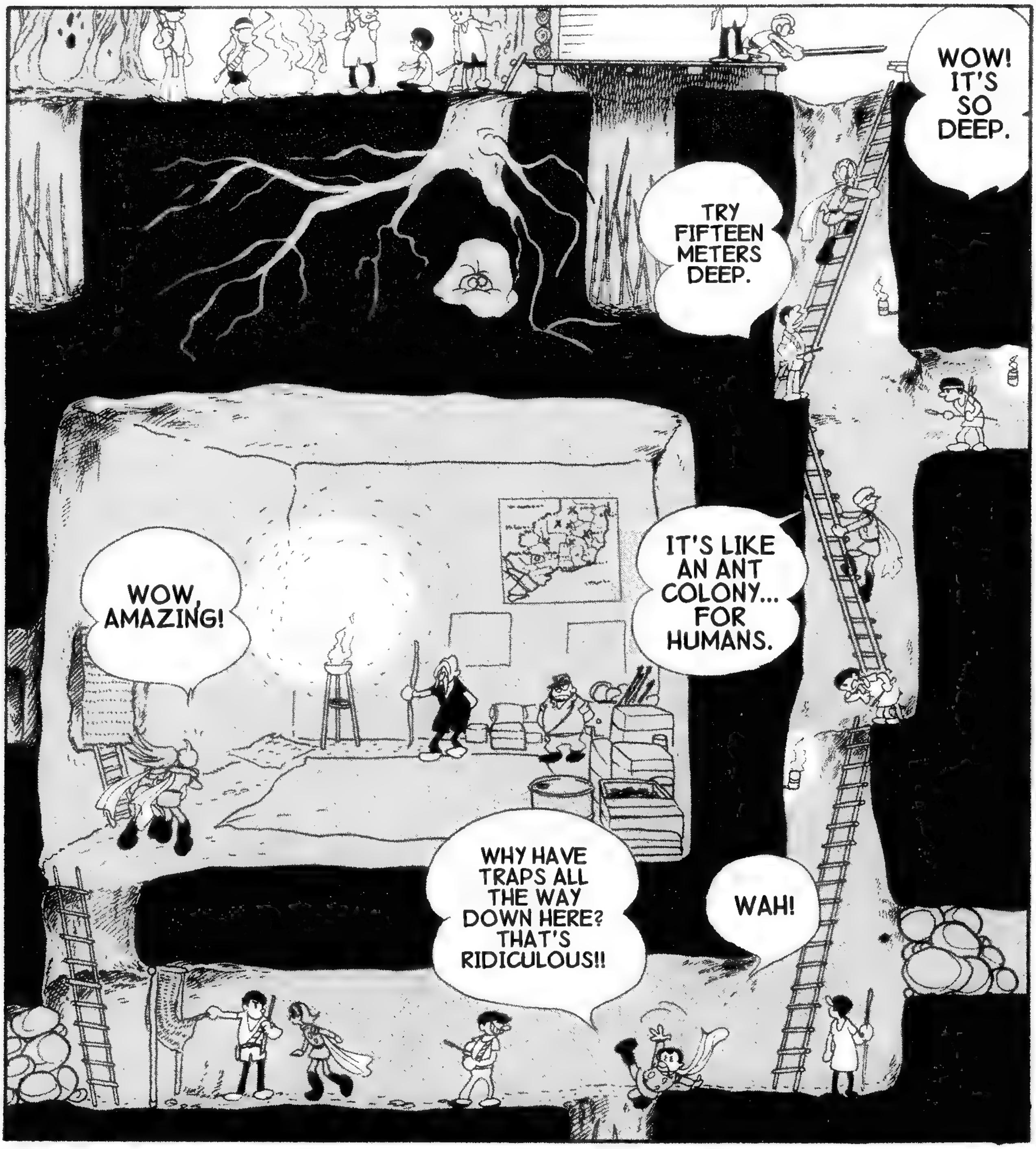

CONSIDER WHAT PEACE MEANS, GA DIEM.

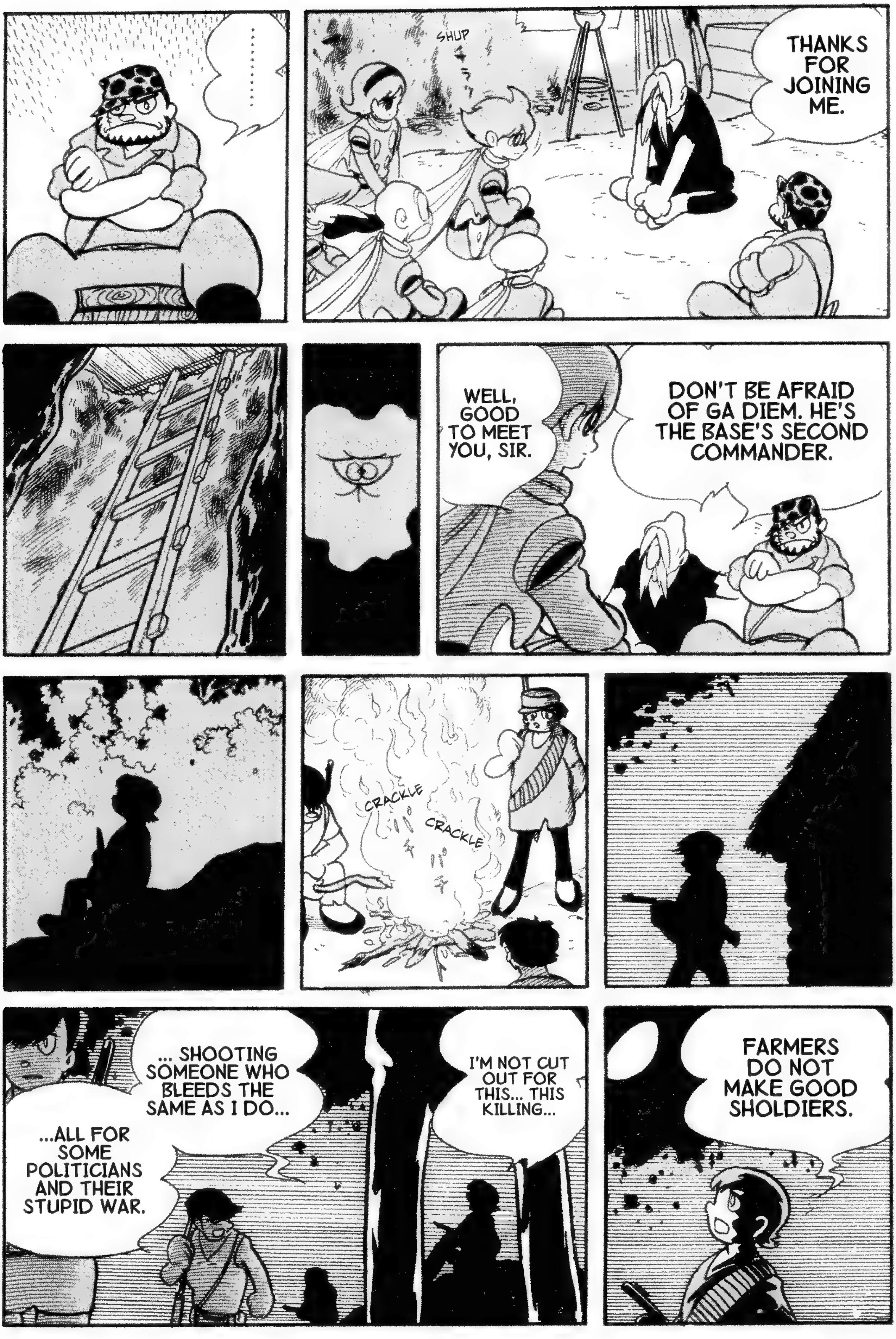

BAH.
003...
EH?
KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
HE'S A LITTLE TRIGGER HAPPY.
HEY! ALL THE SOLDIERS SHOVED OFF.
PERHAPS THEIR BASE IS CLOSE BY.
WATCH YOUR STEP. NECESSITY DICTATES WE MUST HAVE TRAPS SET ABOUT FOR THE MORE HOSTILE ELEMENTS WITH WHICH WE MUST CONTEND.

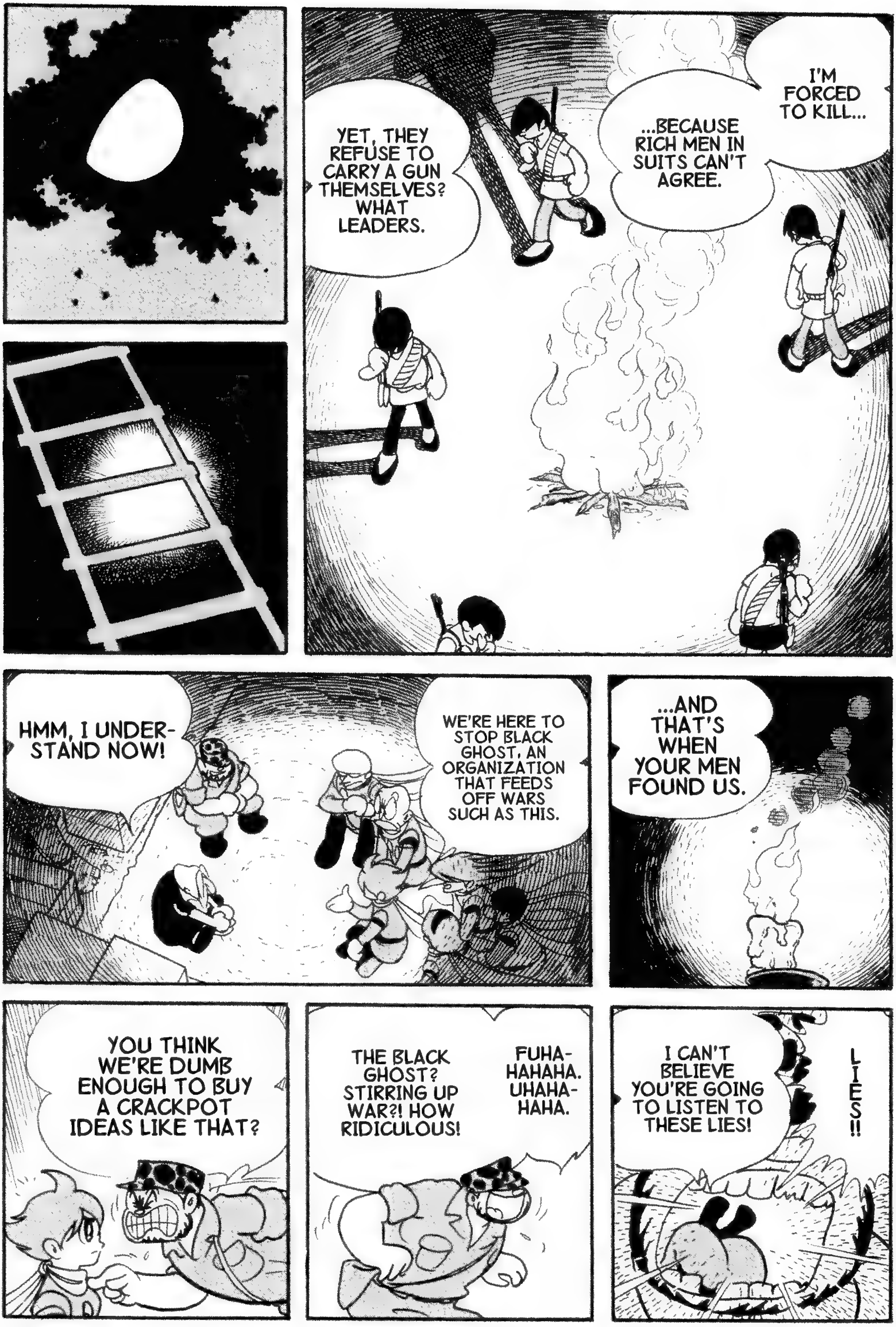

PLEASE. COME IN, STRANGERS.
DORO!
NUMA! IT'S ME.
KLAK
BLIMEY! IT'S NOTHIN' BUT AN EMPTY ROOM.

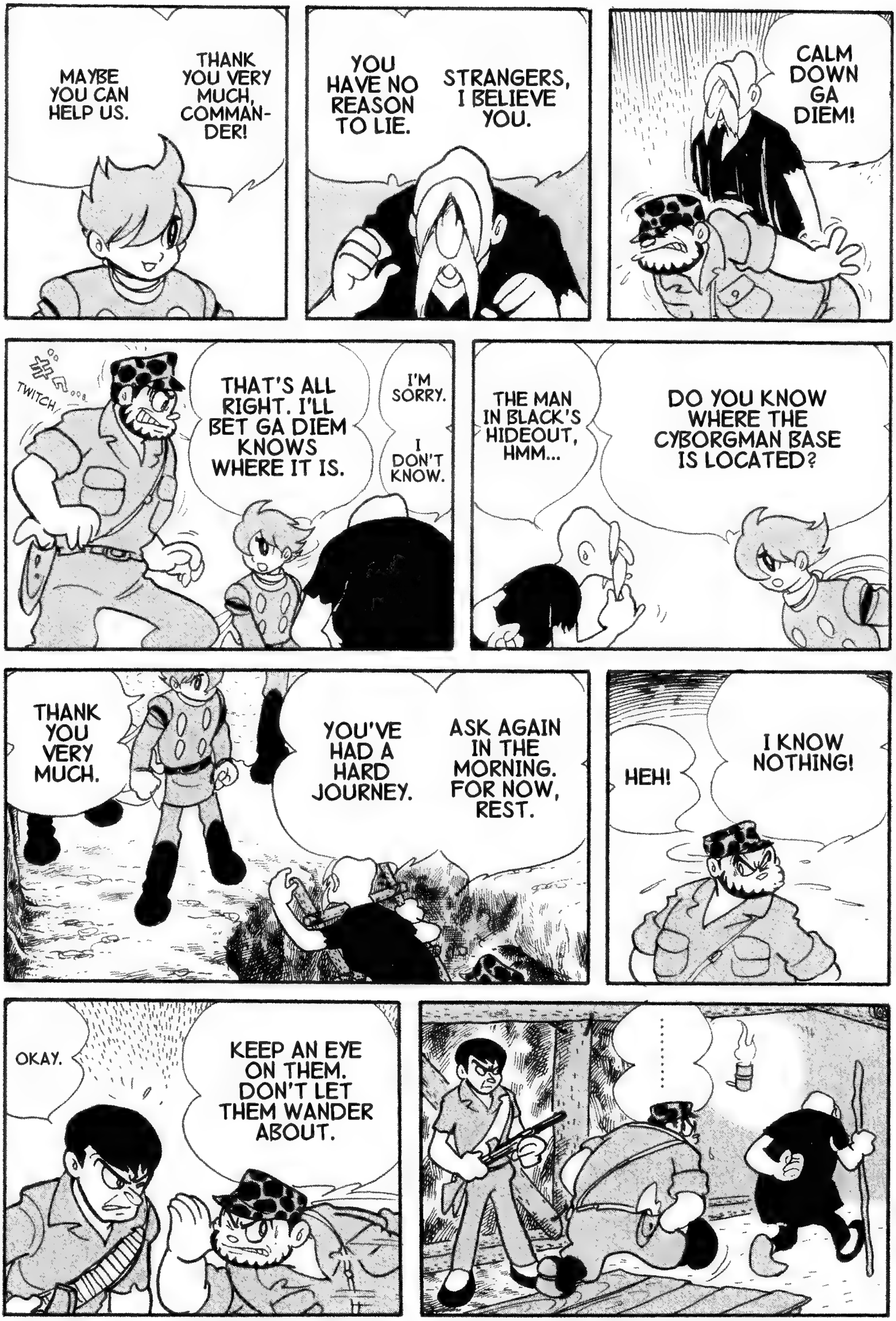

THE BLOKE'S HARDLY INVITED US IN, 003. I KNOW YOU LIKE IT UNDERGROUND, BUT HAVE SOME MANNERS, MATE.
AH! HOW CLEVER. AN UNDERGROUND CHAMBER!
I LIVE DOWN HERE.

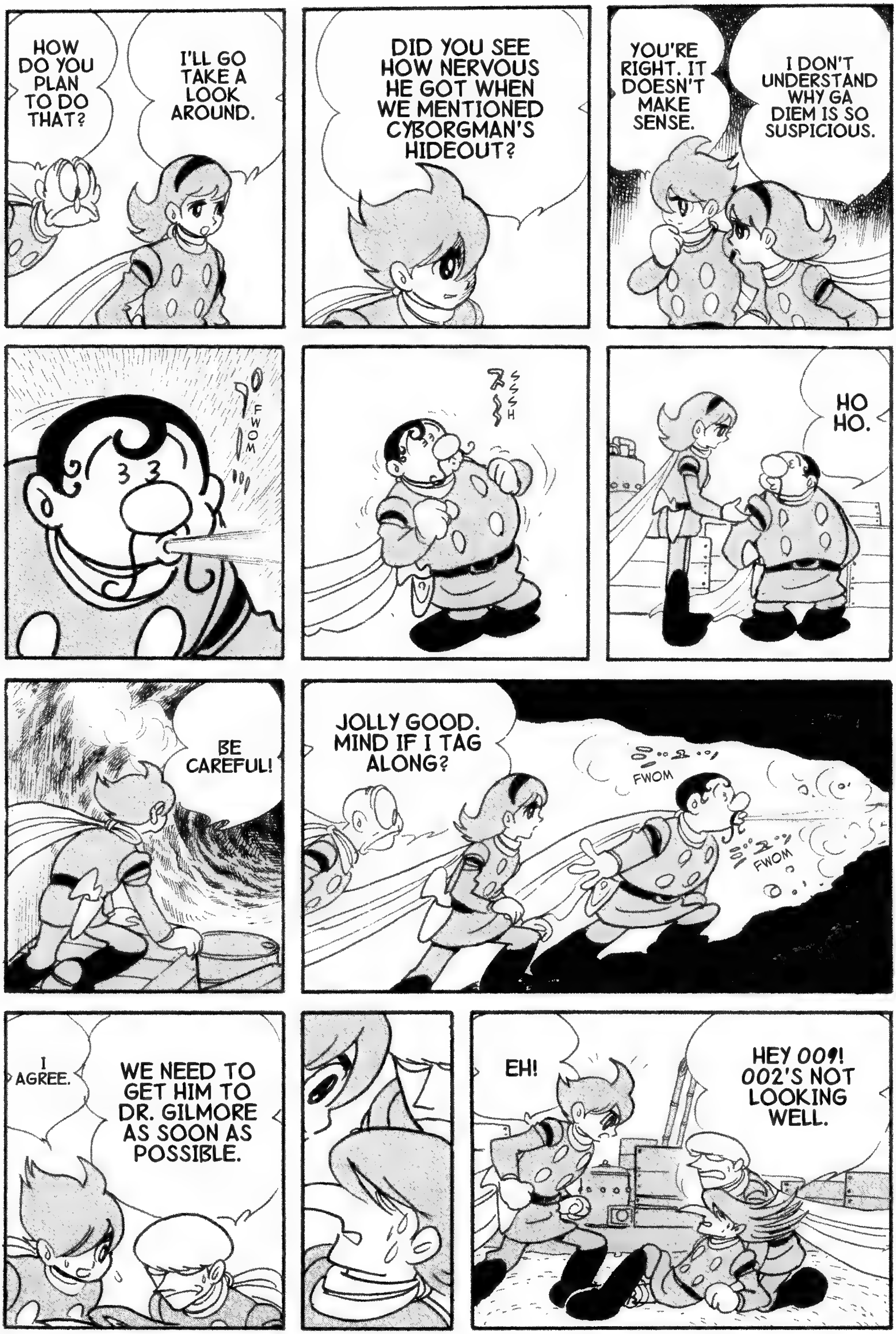

KLAK
KLAK

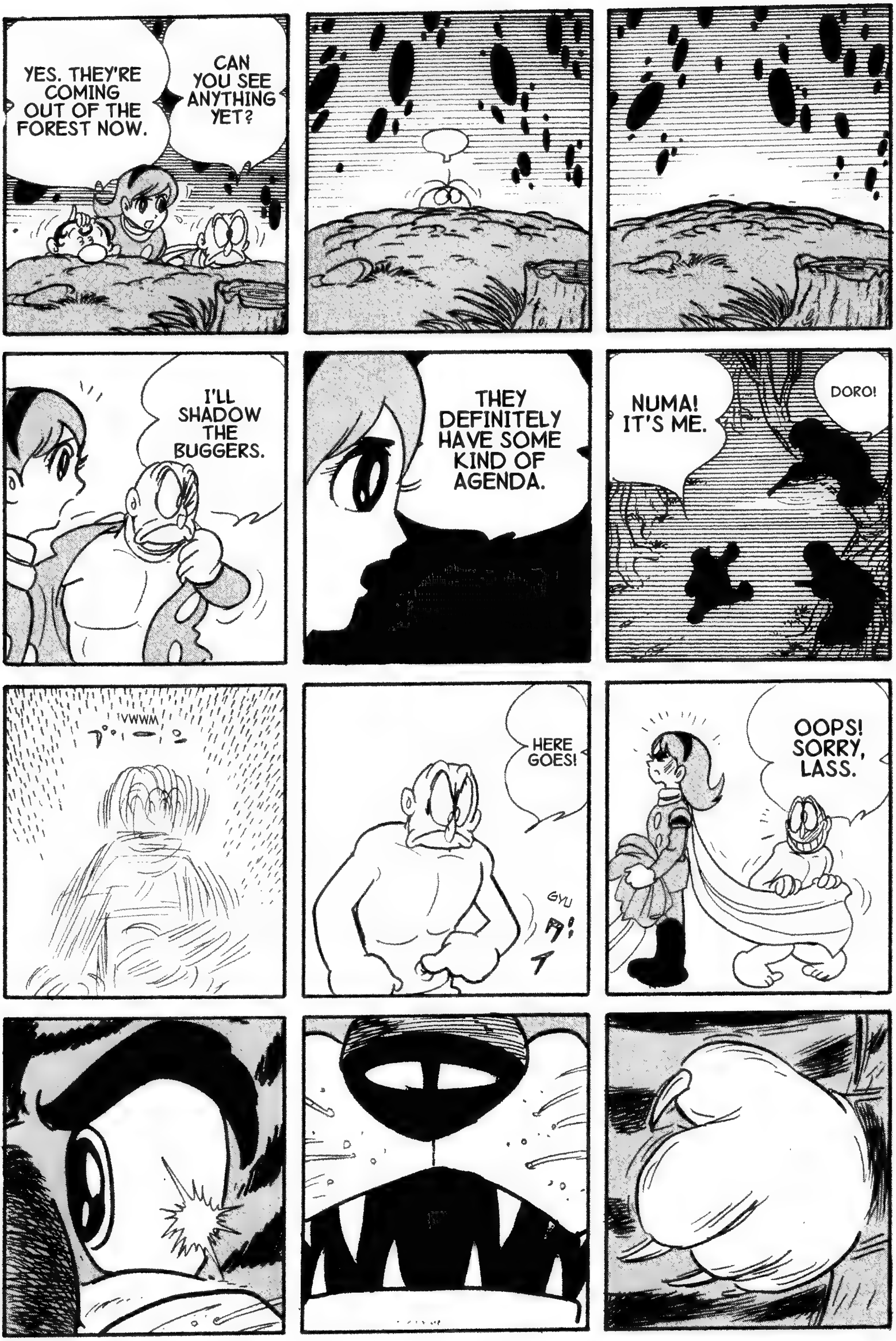

WOW! IT'S SO DEEP.
TRY FIFTEEN METERS DEEP.
IT'S LIKE AN ANT COLONY... FOR HUMANS.
WOW, AMAZING!
WHY HAVE TRAPS ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE? THAT'S RIDICULOUS!!
WAH!

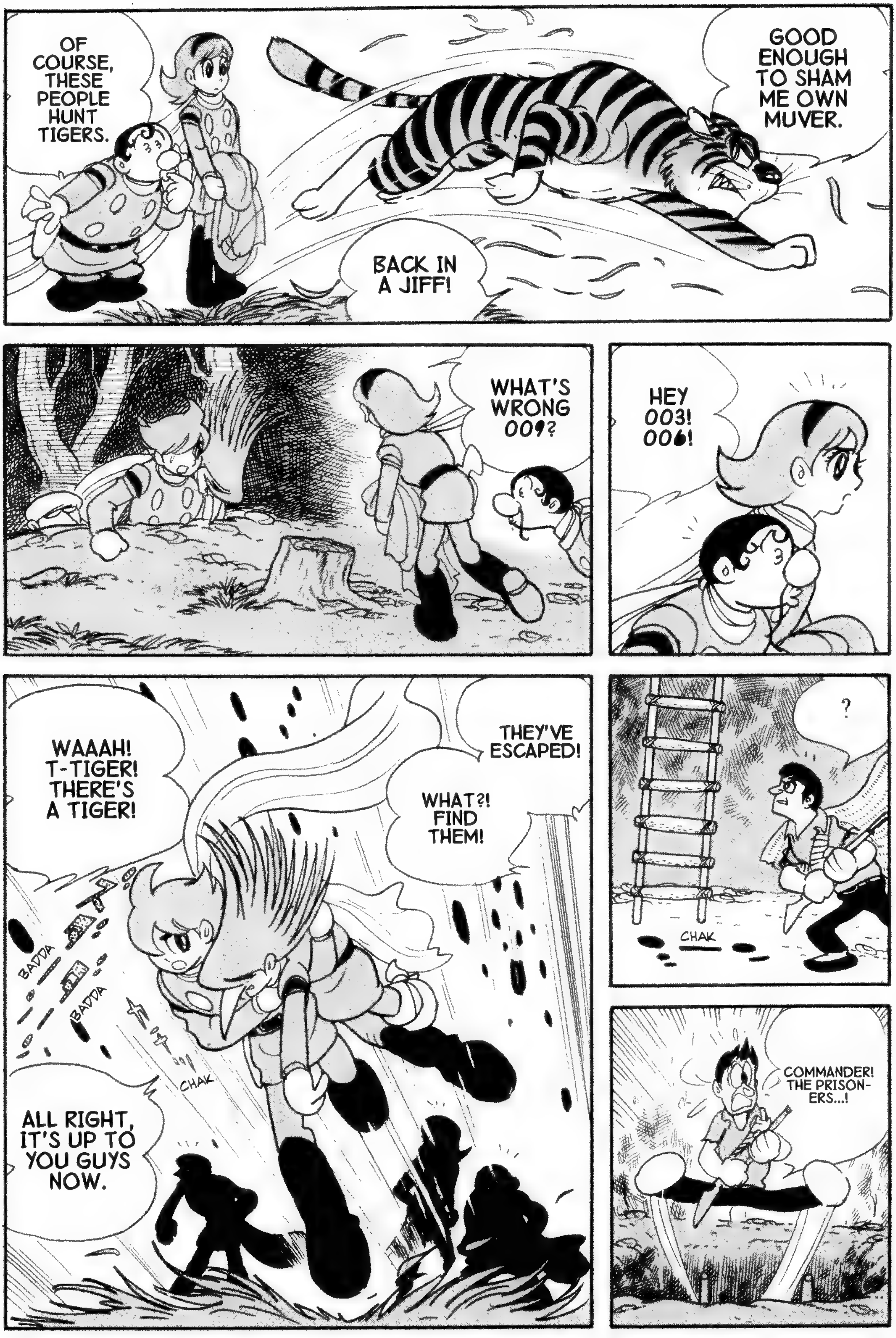

THANKS FOR JOINING ME.
SHUP
......
DON'T BE AFRAID OF GA DIEM. HE'S THE BASE'S SECOND COMMANDER.
WELL, GOOD TO MEET YOU, SIR.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
FARMERS DO NOT MAKE GOOD SHOLDIERS.
I'M NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS... THIS KILLING...
... SHOOTING SOMEONE WHO BLEEDS THE SAME AS I DO...
...ALL FOR SOME POLITICIANS AND THEIR STUPID WAR.

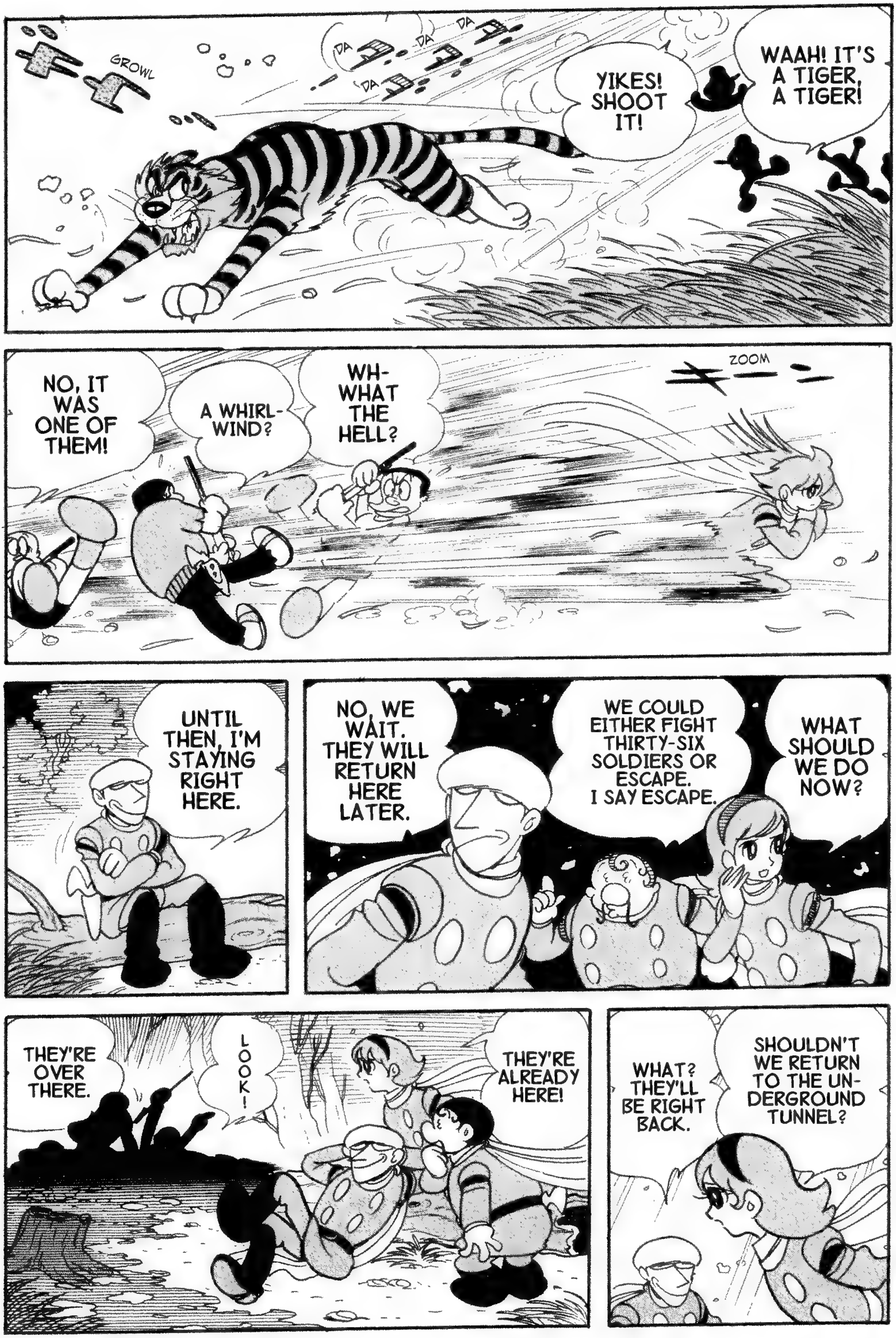

I'M FORCED TO KILL...
...BECAUSE RICH MEN IN SUITS CAN'T AGREE.
YET, THEY REFUSE TO CARRY A GUN THEMSELVES? WHAT LEADERS.
HMM, I UNDERSTAND NOW!
WE'RE HERE TO STOP BLACK GHOST, AN ORGANIZATION THAT FEEDS OFF WARS SUCH AS THIS.
...AND THAT'S WHEN YOUR MEN FOUND US.
YOU THINK WE'RE DUMB ENOUGH TO BUY A CRACKPOT IDEAS LIKE THAT?
THE BLACK GHOST? STIRRING UP WAR?! HOW RIDICULOUS!
FUHAHAHAHA. UHAHAHAHA.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN TO THESE LIES!
LIES!!


CALM DOWN GA DIEM!
STRANGERS, I BELIEVE YOU.
YOU HAVE NO REASON TO LIE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH, COMMANDER!
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE CYBORGMAN BASE IS LOCATED?
THE MAN IN BLACK'S HIDEOUT, HMM...
I'M SORRY.
I DON'T KNOW.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL BET GA DIEM KNOWS WHERE IT IS.
TWITCH
I KNOW NOTHING!
HEH!
ASK AGAIN IN THE MORNING. FOR NOW, REST.
YOU'VE HAD A HARD JOURNEY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
......
KEEP AN EYE ON THEM. DON'T LET THEM WANDER ABOUT.
OKAY.


I'LL GO TAKE A LOOK AROUND.
HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT?
DID YOU SEE HOW NERVOUS HE GOT WHEN WE MENTIONED CYBORGMAN'S HIDEOUT?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY GA DIEM IS SO SUSPICIOUS.
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.
FWOM
SSSH
HO HO.
BE CAREFUL!
JOLLY GOOD. MIND IF I TAG ALONG?
FWOM
FWOM
WE NEED TO GET HIM TO DR. GILMORE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I AGREE.
HEY 009! 002'S NOT LOOKING WELL.
EH!


CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING YET?
YES. THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE FOREST NOW.
I'LL SHADOW THE BUGGERS.
THEY DEFINITELY HAVE SOME KIND OF AGENDA.
NUMA! IT'S ME.
DORO!
VWWM
HERE GOES!
GYU
OOPS! SORRY, LASS.


GOOD ENOUGH TO SHAM ME OWN MUVER.
BACK IN A JIFF!
OF COURSE, THESE PEOPLE HUNT TIGERS.
HEY 003! 006!
WHAT'S WRONG 009?
?
CHAK
COMMANDER! THE PRISONERS...!
THEY'VE ESCAPED!
WHAT?! FIND THEM!
WAAAH! T-TIGER! THERE'S A TIGER!
BADDA
BADDA
CHAK
ALL RIGHT, IT'S UP TO YOU GUYS NOW.


WAAH! IT'S A TIGER, A TIGER!
YIKES! SHOOT IT!
DA
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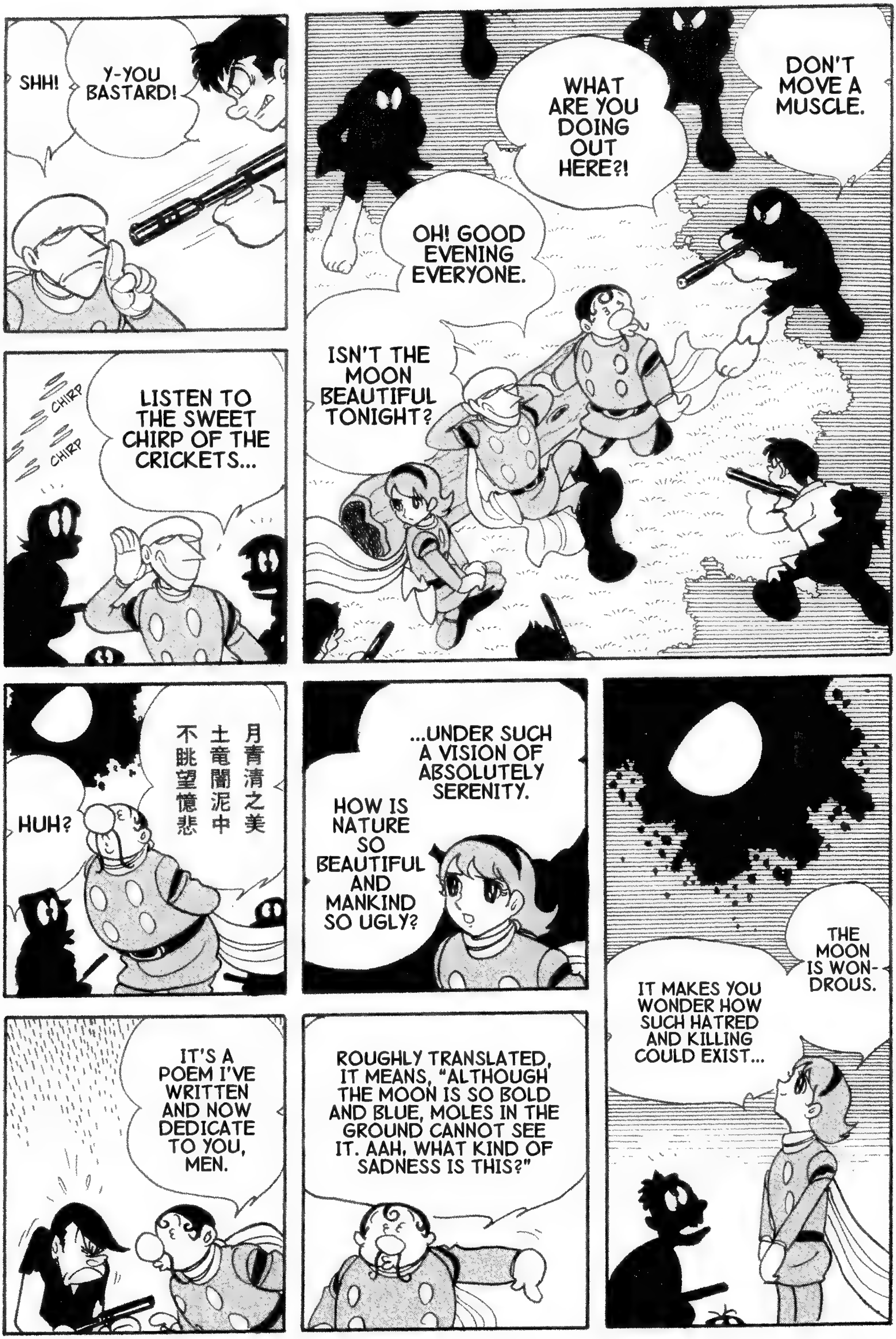
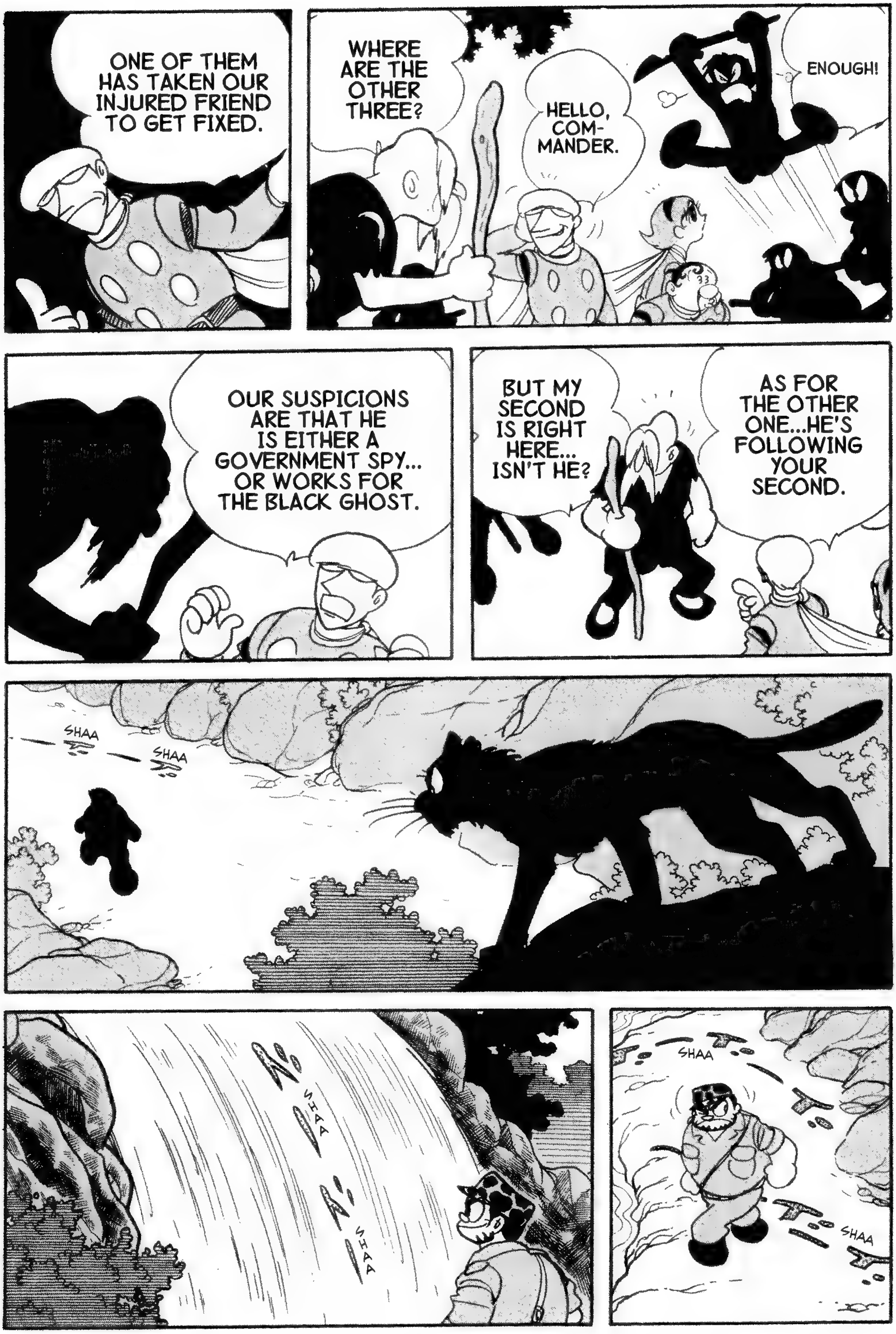
GROWL
ZOOM
WH- WHAT THE HELL?
A WHIRLWIND?
NO, IT WAS ONE OF THEM!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO NOW?
WE COULD EITHER FIGHT THIRTY-SIX SOLDIERS OR ESCAPE. I SAY ESCAPE.
NO, WE WAIT. THEY WILL RETURN HERE LATER.
UNTIL THEN, I'M STAYING RIGHT HERE.
SHOULDN'T WE RETURN TO THE UNDERGROUND TUNNEL?
WHAT? THEY'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!
LOOK!
THEY'RE OVER THERE.


WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?!
DON'T MOVE A MUSCLE.
OH! GOOD EVENING EVERYONE.
ISN'T THE MOON BEAUTIFUL TONIGHT?
SHH!
Y-YOU BASTARD!
CHIRP
CHIRP
LISTEN TO THE SWEET CHIRP OF THE CRICKETS...
月青清之美
土竜闇泥中
不眺望憶悲
HUH?
IT'S A POEM I'VE WRITTEN AND NOW DEDICATE TO YOU, MEN.
ROUGHLY TRANSLATED, IT MEANS, "ALTHOUGH THE MOON IS SO BOLD AND BLUE, MOLES IN THE GROUND CANNOT SEE IT. AAH, WHAT KIND OF SADNESS IS THIS?"
HOW IS NATURE SO BEAUTIFUL AND MANKIND SO UGLY?
...UNDER SUCH A VISION OF ABSOLUTELY SERENITY.
THE MOON IS WONDROUS.
IT MAKES YOU WONDER HOW SUCH HATRED AND KILLING COULD EXIST...


ONE OF THEM HAS TAKEN OUR INJURED FRIEND TO GET FIXED.
WHERE ARE THE OTHER THREE?
HELLO, COMMANDER.
ENOUGH!
OUR SUSPICIONS ARE THAT HE IS EITHER A GOVERNMENT SPY... OR WORKS FOR THE BLACK GHOST.
BUT MY SECOND IS RIGHT HERE... ISN'T HE?
AS FOR THE OTHER ONE...HE'S FOLLOWING YOUR SECOND.
SHAA
SHAA
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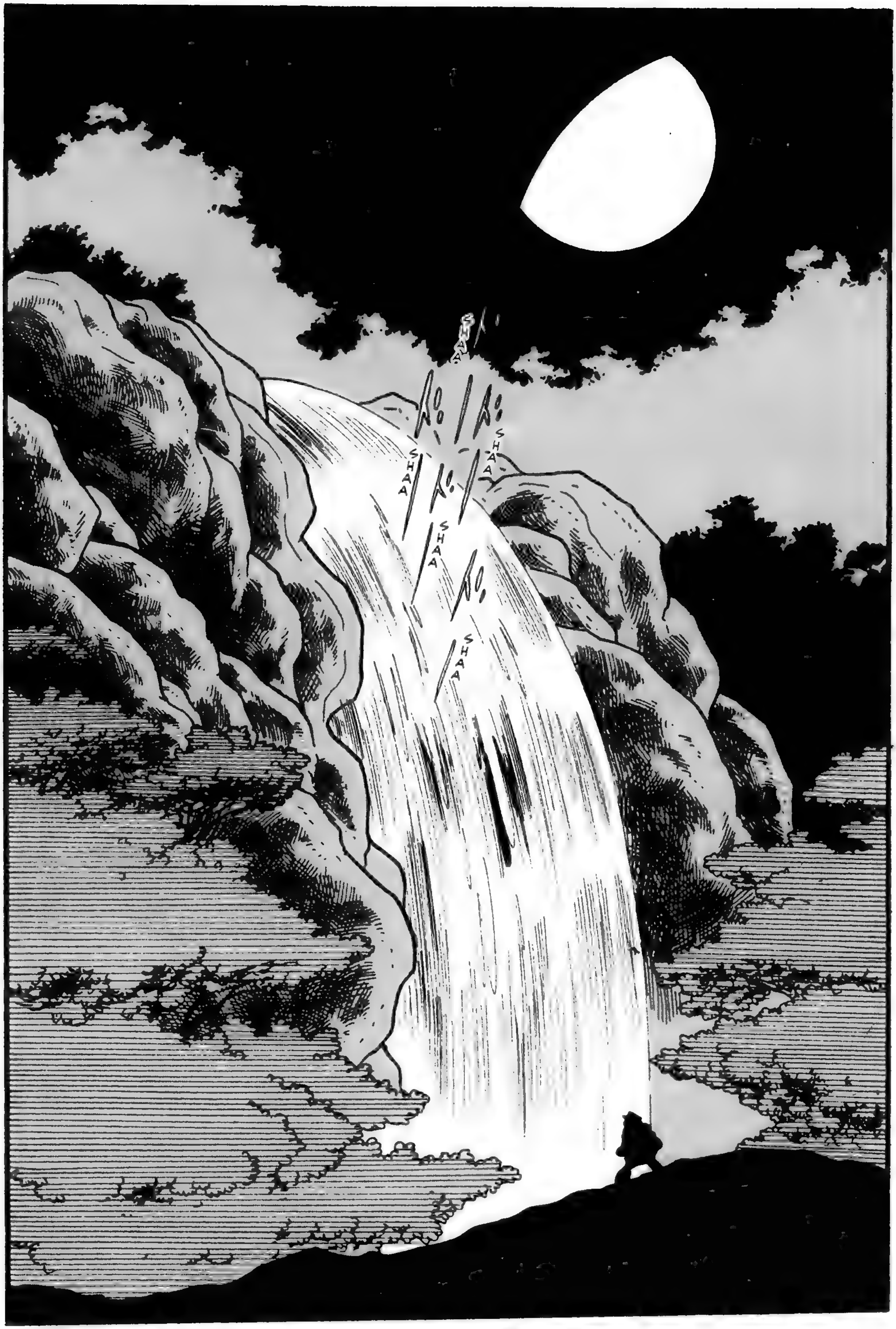
SHAA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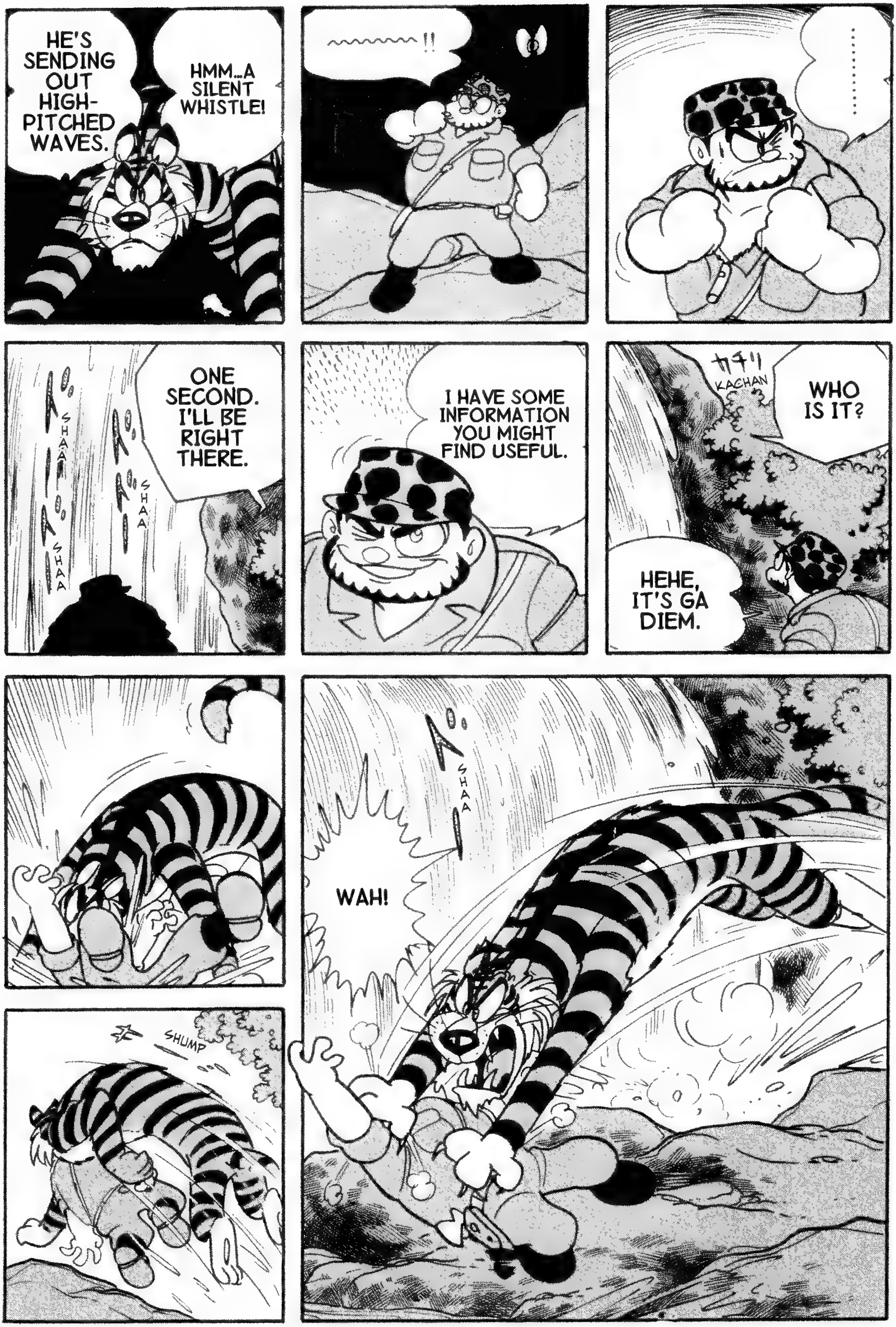
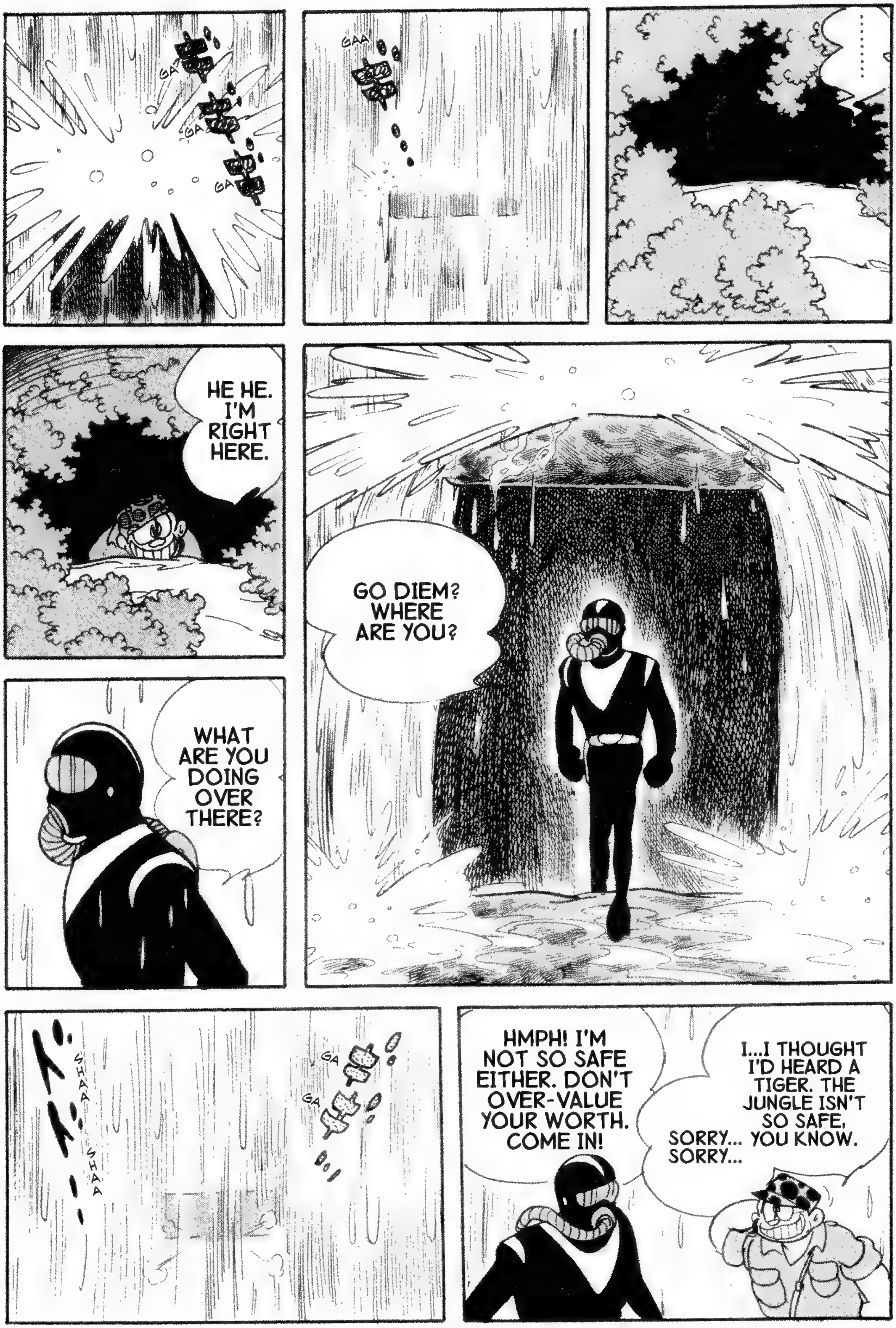

HE'S SENDING OUT HIGH-PITCHED WAVES.
HMM..A SILENT WHISTLE!
∼∼∼∼∼∼∼∼!!
......
SHAA
SHAA
SHAA
ONE SECOND. I'LL BE RIGHT THERE.
I HAVE SOME INFORMATION YOU MIGHT FIND USEFUL.
カチリ
KACHAN
WHO IS IT?
HEHE, IT'S GA DIEM.
SHAA
WAH!
SHUMP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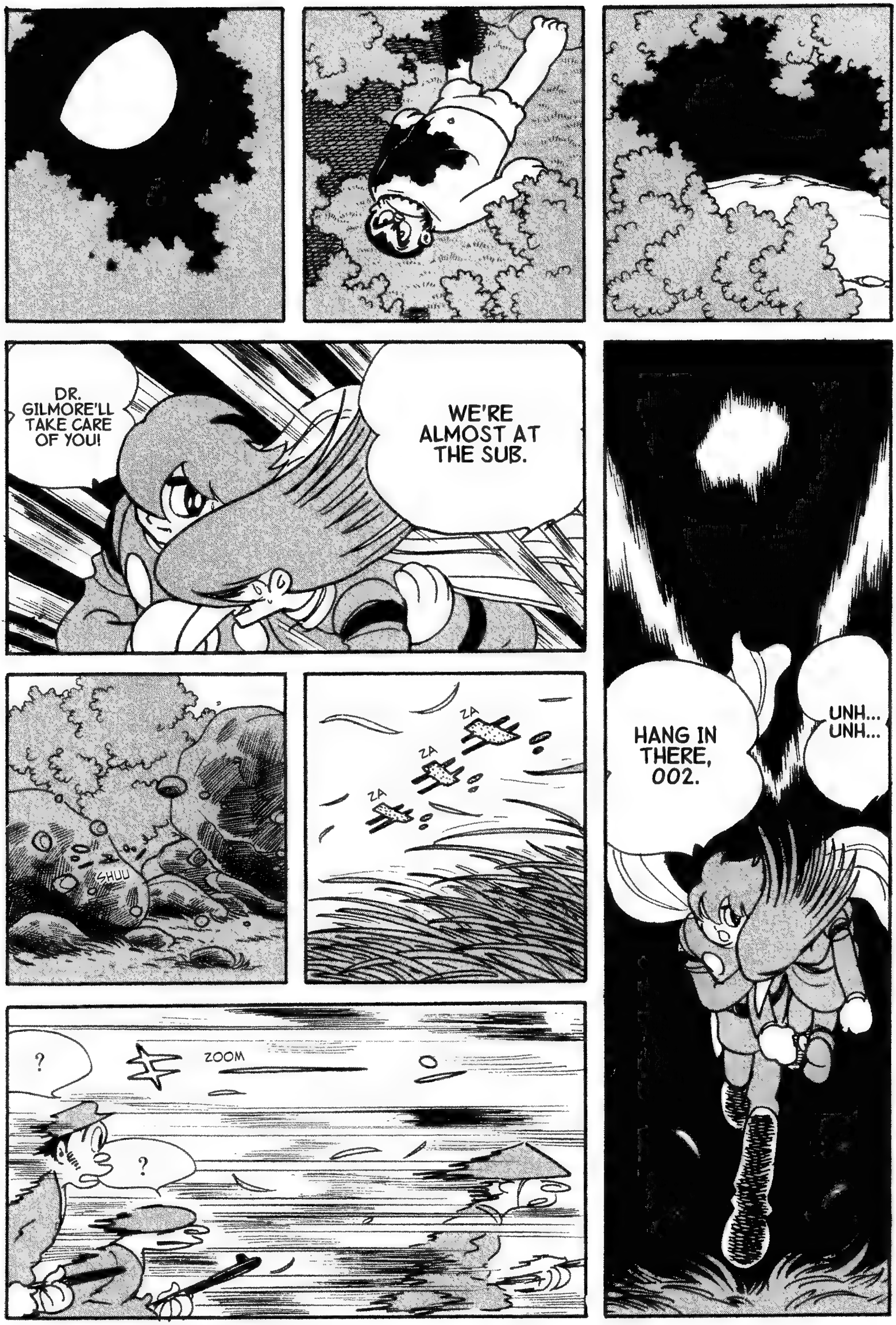
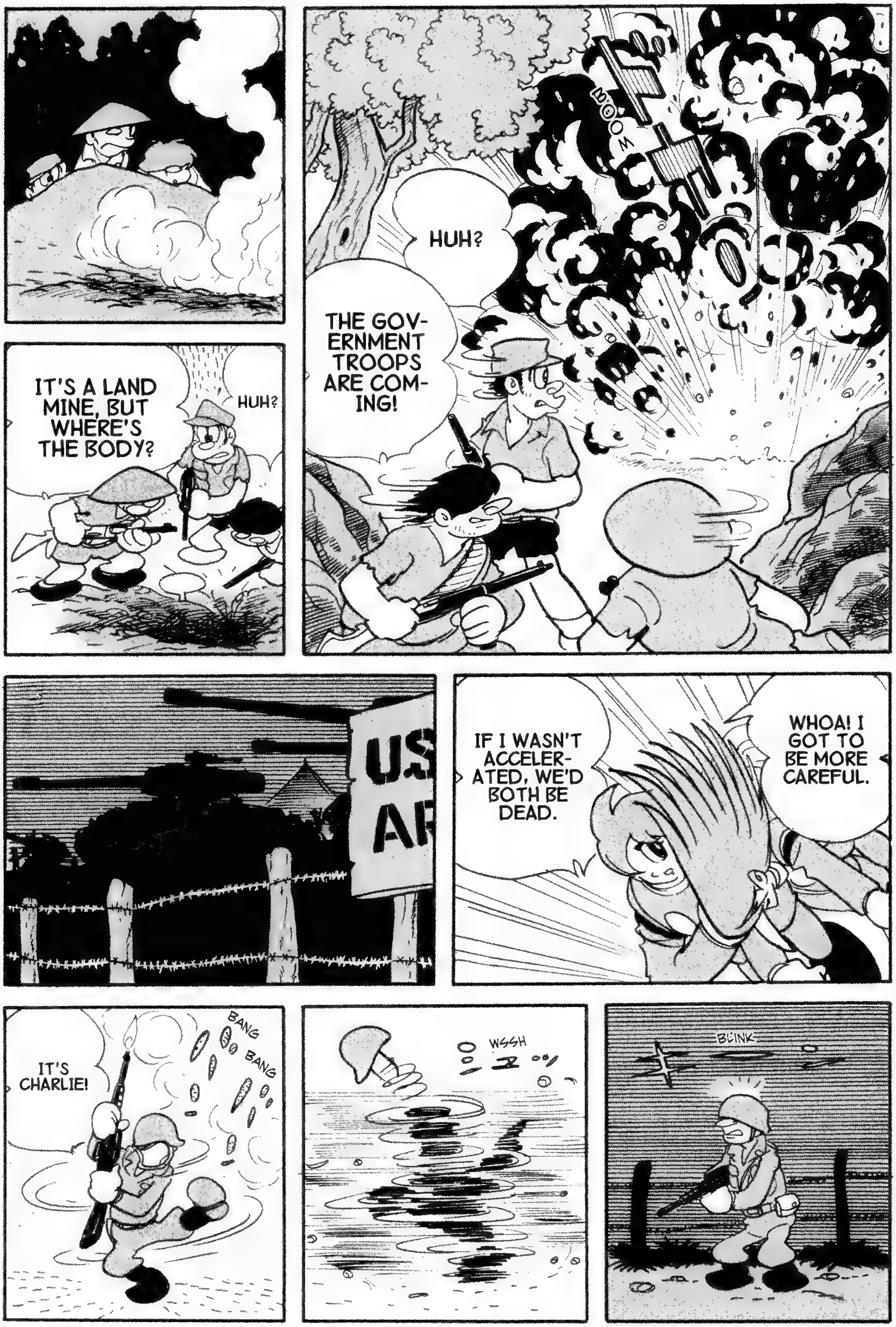
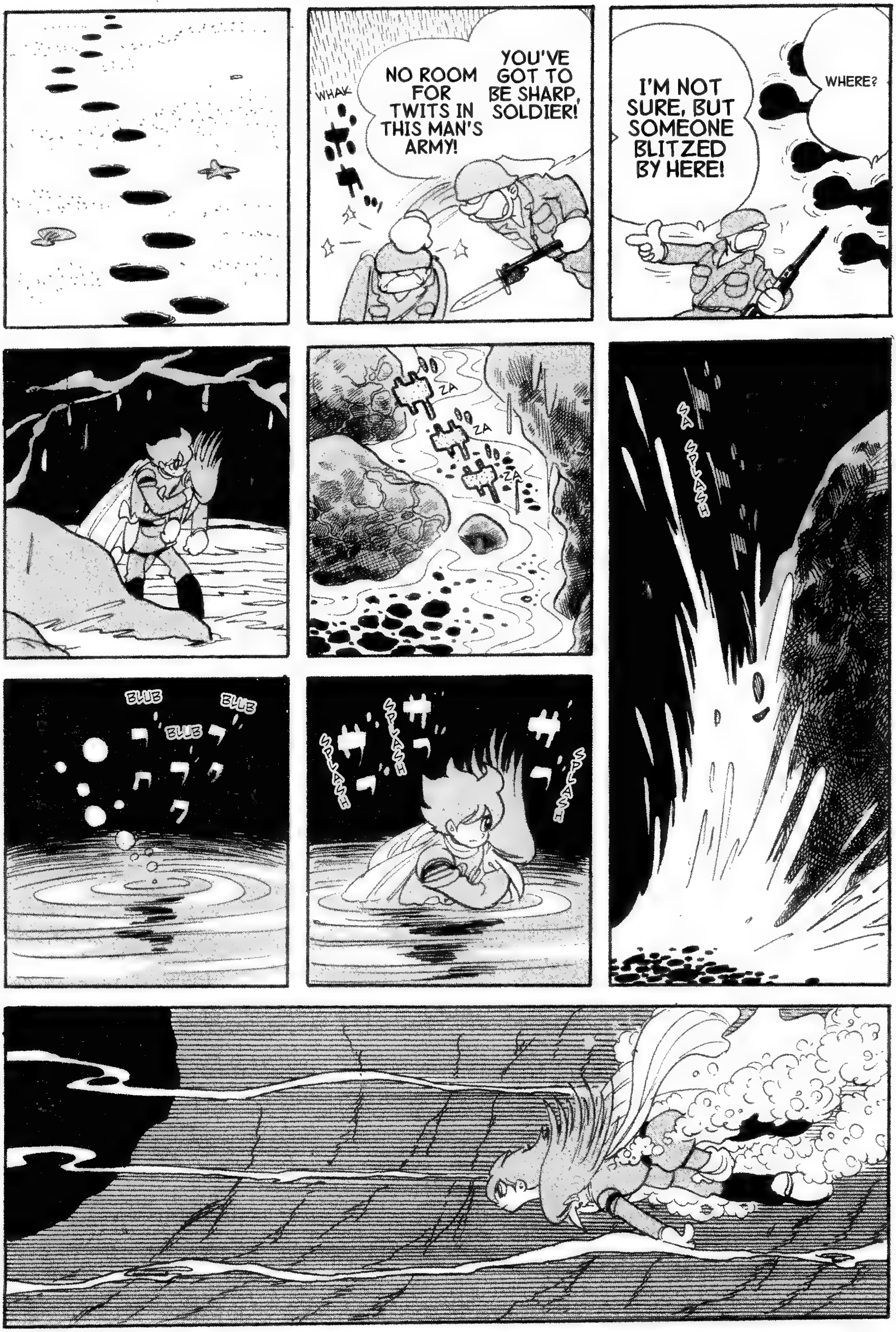
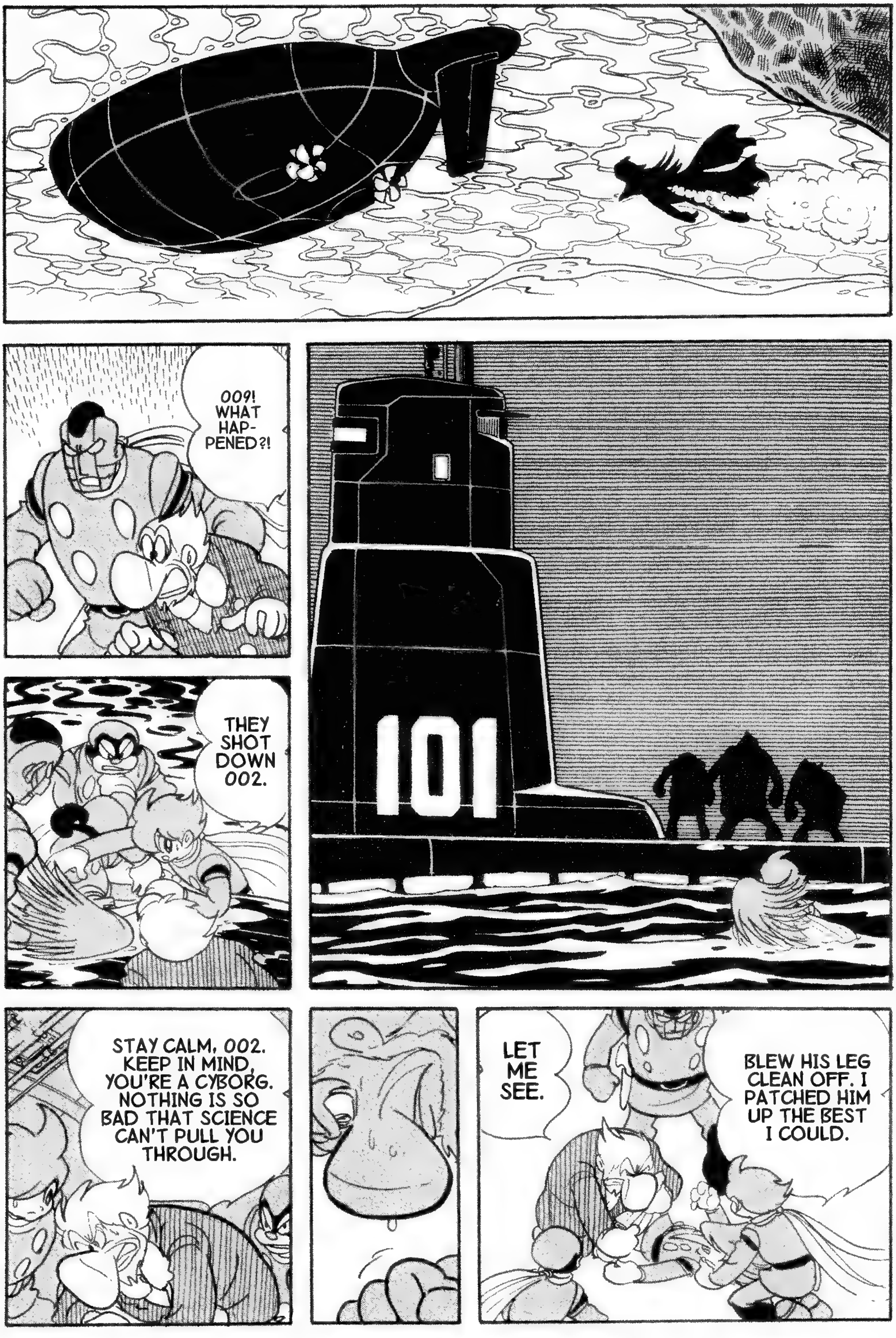
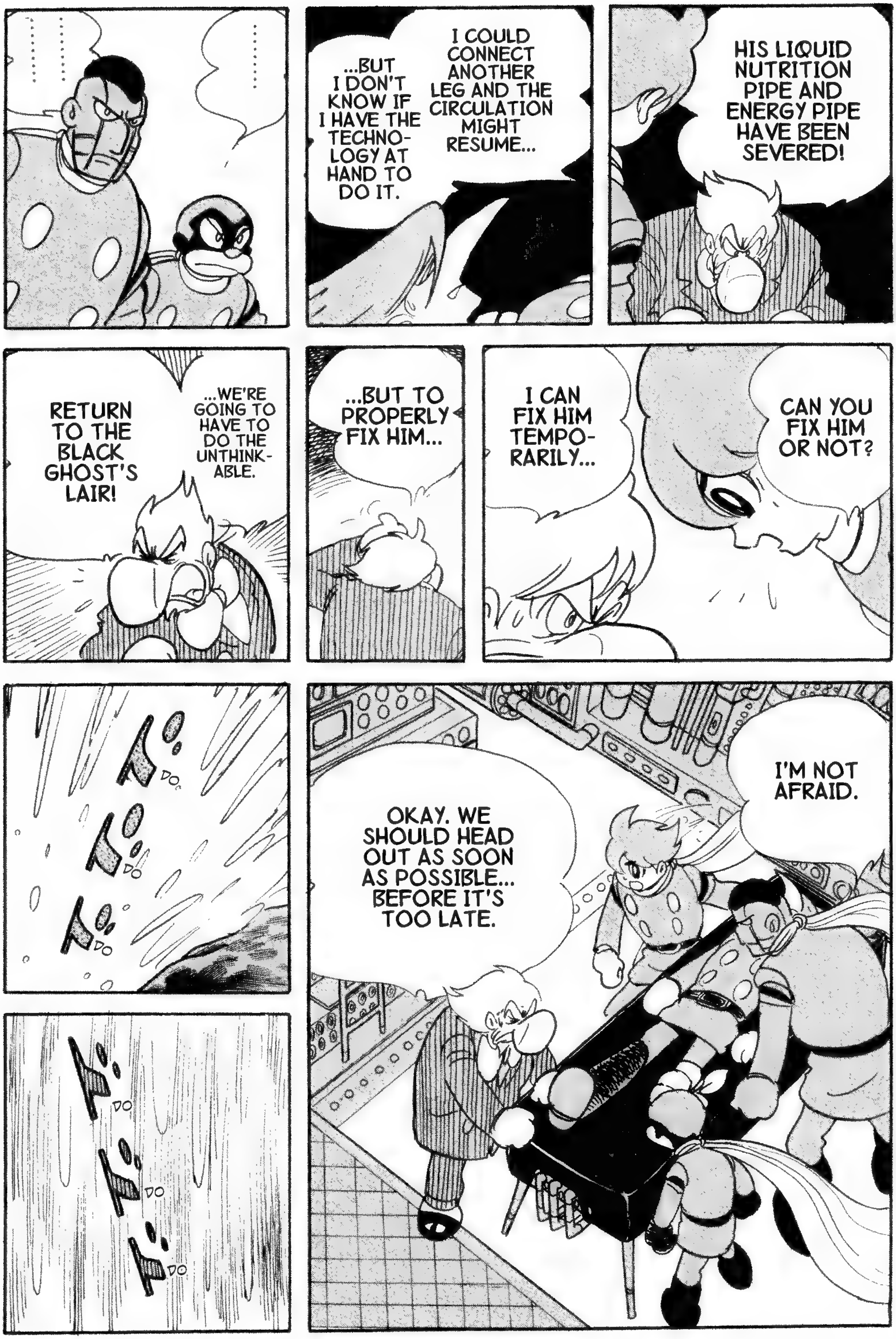
......
GO DIEM? WHERE ARE YOU?
HE HE. I'M RIGHT HERE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
SHAA
SHAA
GA
GA
I...I THOUGHT I'D HEARD A TIGER. THE JUNGLE ISN'T SO SAFE, YOU KNOW.
SORRY... SORRY...
HMPH! I'M NOT SO SAFE EITHER. DON'T OVER-VALUE YOUR WORTH. COME IN!

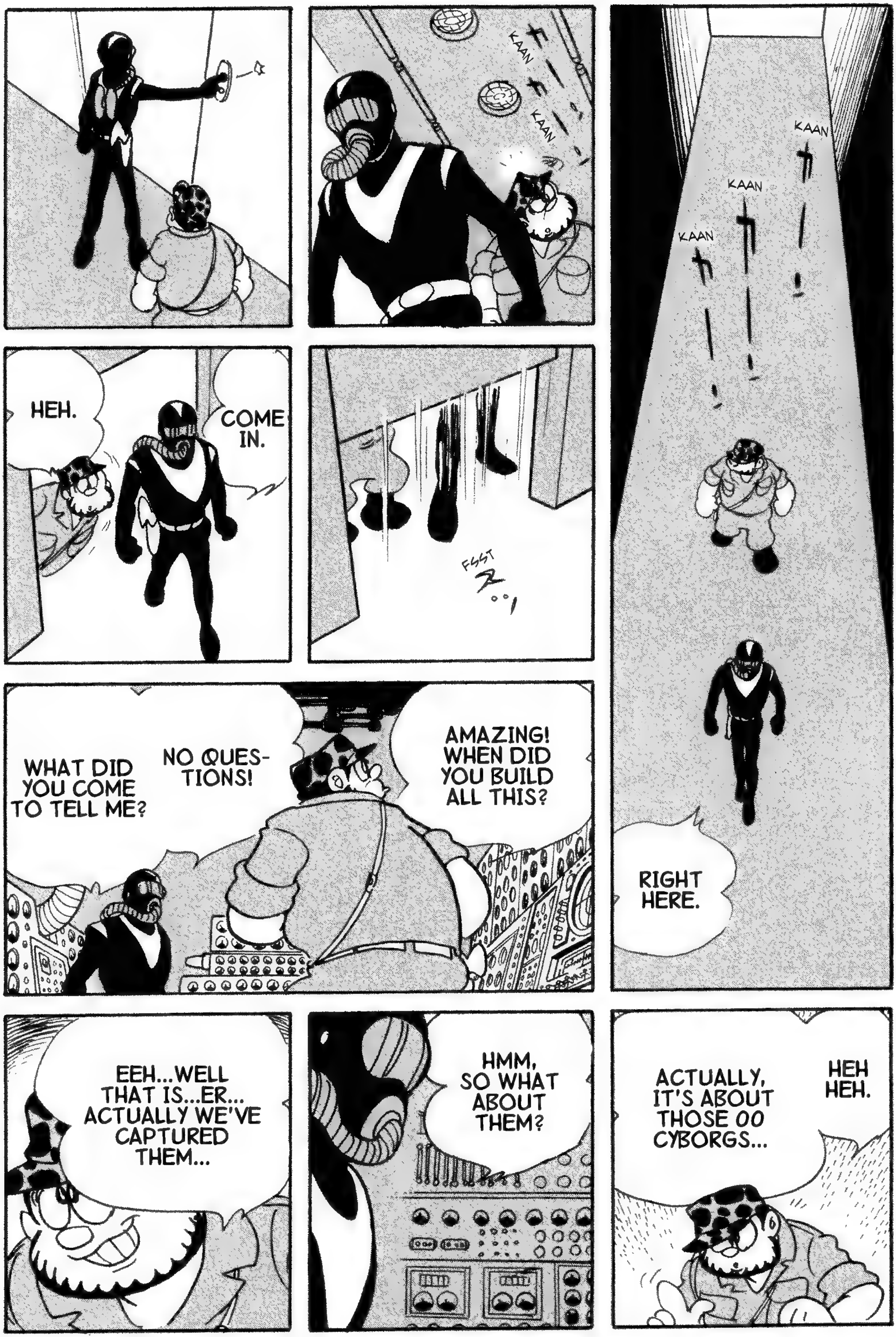

WE'RE ALMOST AT THE SUB.
DR. GILMORE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU!
HANG IN THERE, 002.
UNH... UNH...
SHUU
ZA
ZA
ZA
ZOOM
?
?

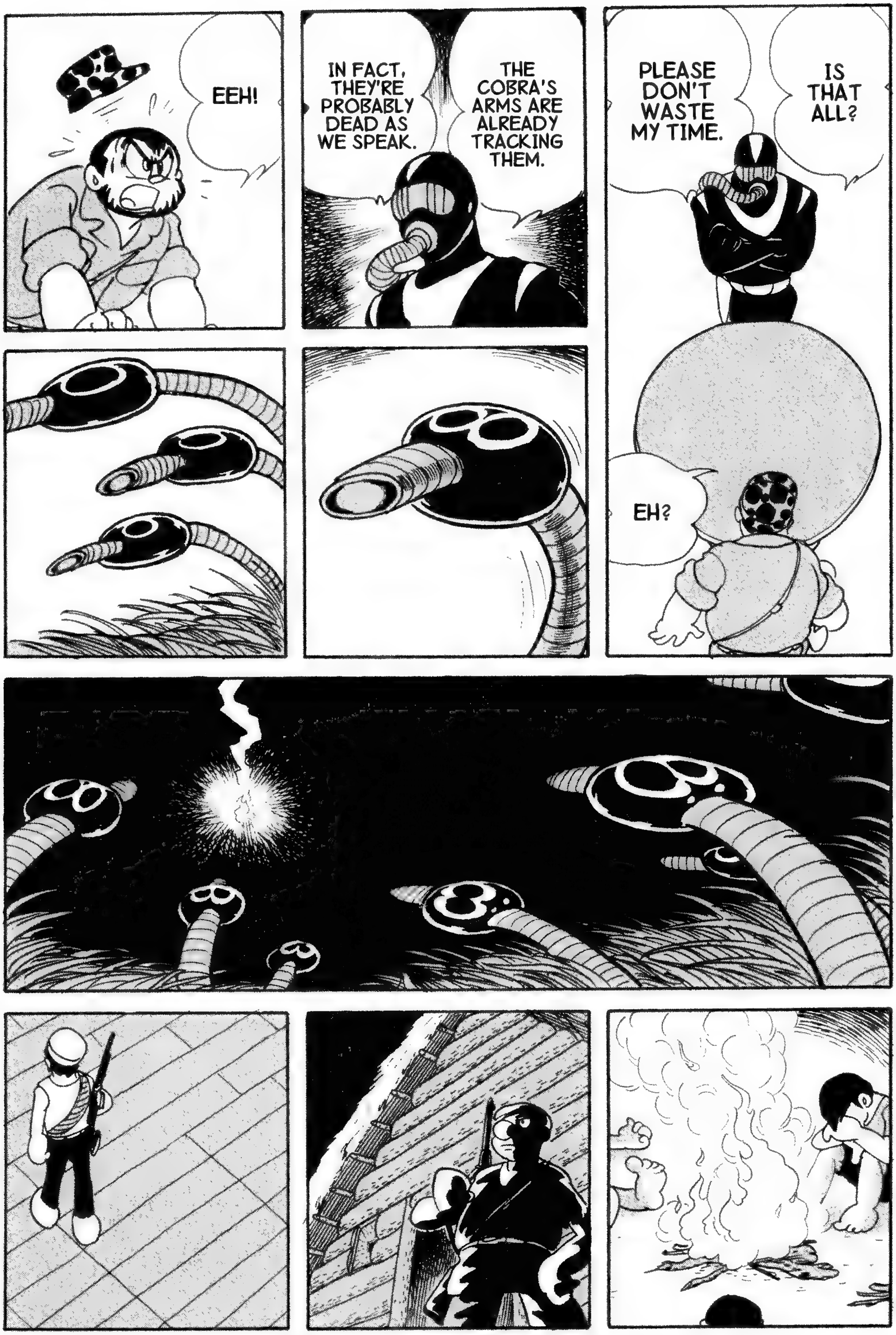

IT'S A LAND MINE, BUT WHERE'S THE BODY?
HUH?
HUH?
THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE COMING!
BOOM
US
AR
IF I WASN'T ACCELERATED, WE'D BOTH BE DEAD.
WHOA! I GOT TO BE MORE CAREFUL.
IT'S CHARLIE!
BANG
BANG
WSSH
BLINK

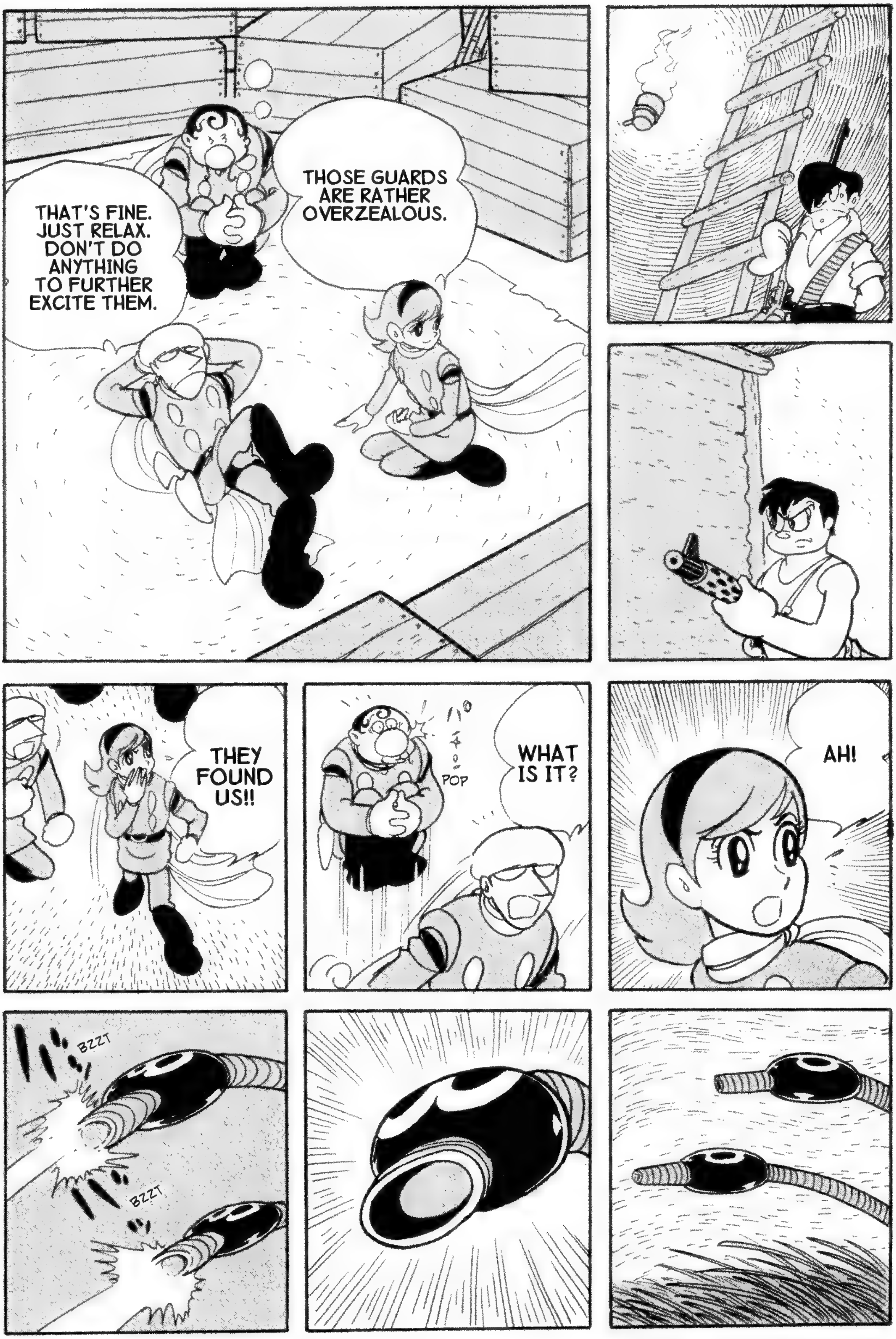

WHAK
YOU'VE GOT TO BE SHARP, SOLDIER!
NO ROOM FOR TWITS IN THIS MAN'S ARMY!
WHERE?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT SOMEONE BLITZED BY HERE!
ZA
ZA
ZA
SA SPLASH
BLUB
BLUB
BLUB
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH

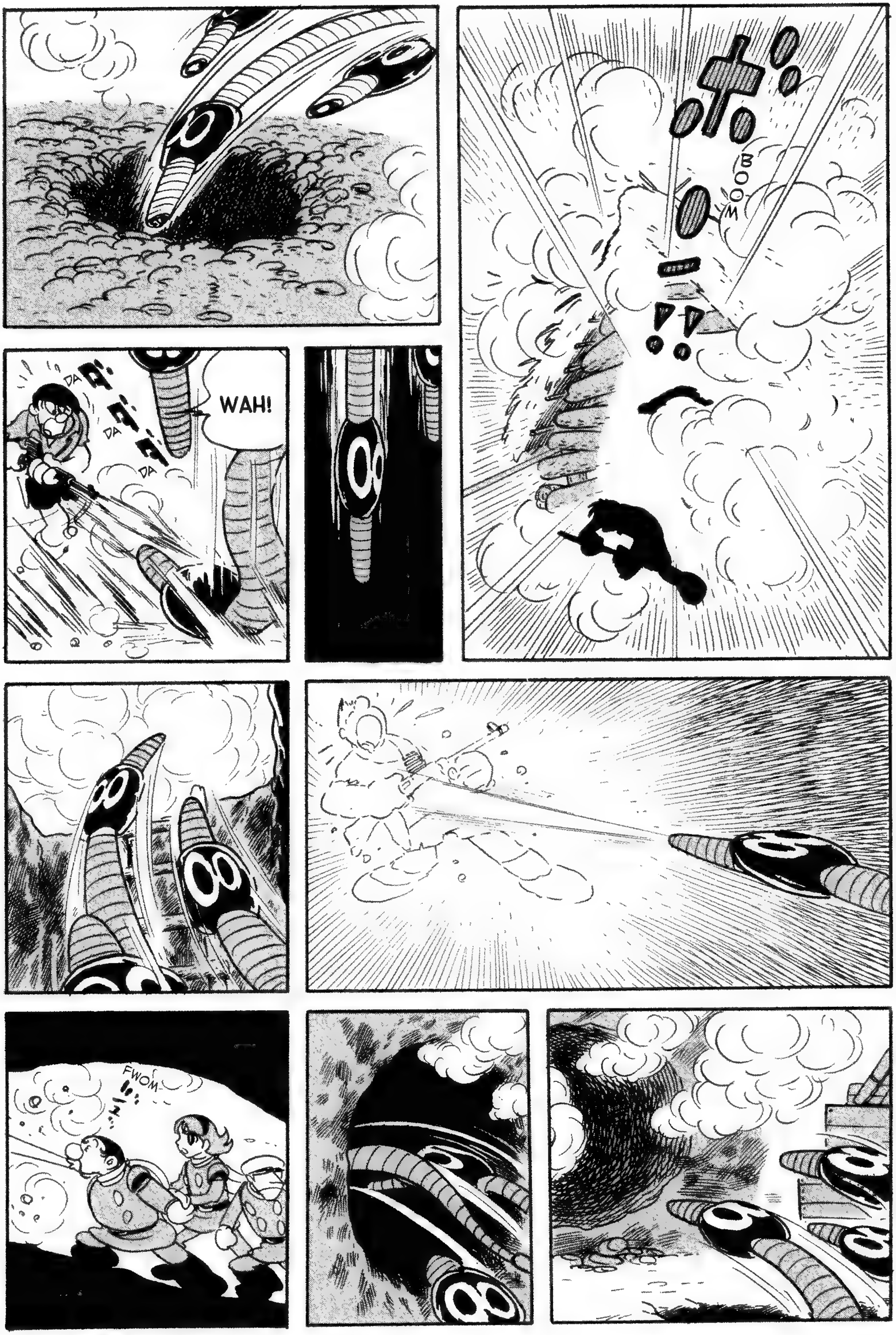

009! WHAT HAPPENED?!
THEY SHOT DOWN 002.
101
STAY CALM, 002. KEEP IN MIND, YOU'RE A CYBORG. NOTHING IS SO BAD THAT SCIENCE CAN'T PULL YOU THROUGH.
LET ME SEE.
BLEW HIS LEG CLEAN OFF. I PATCHED HIM UP THE BEST I COULD.

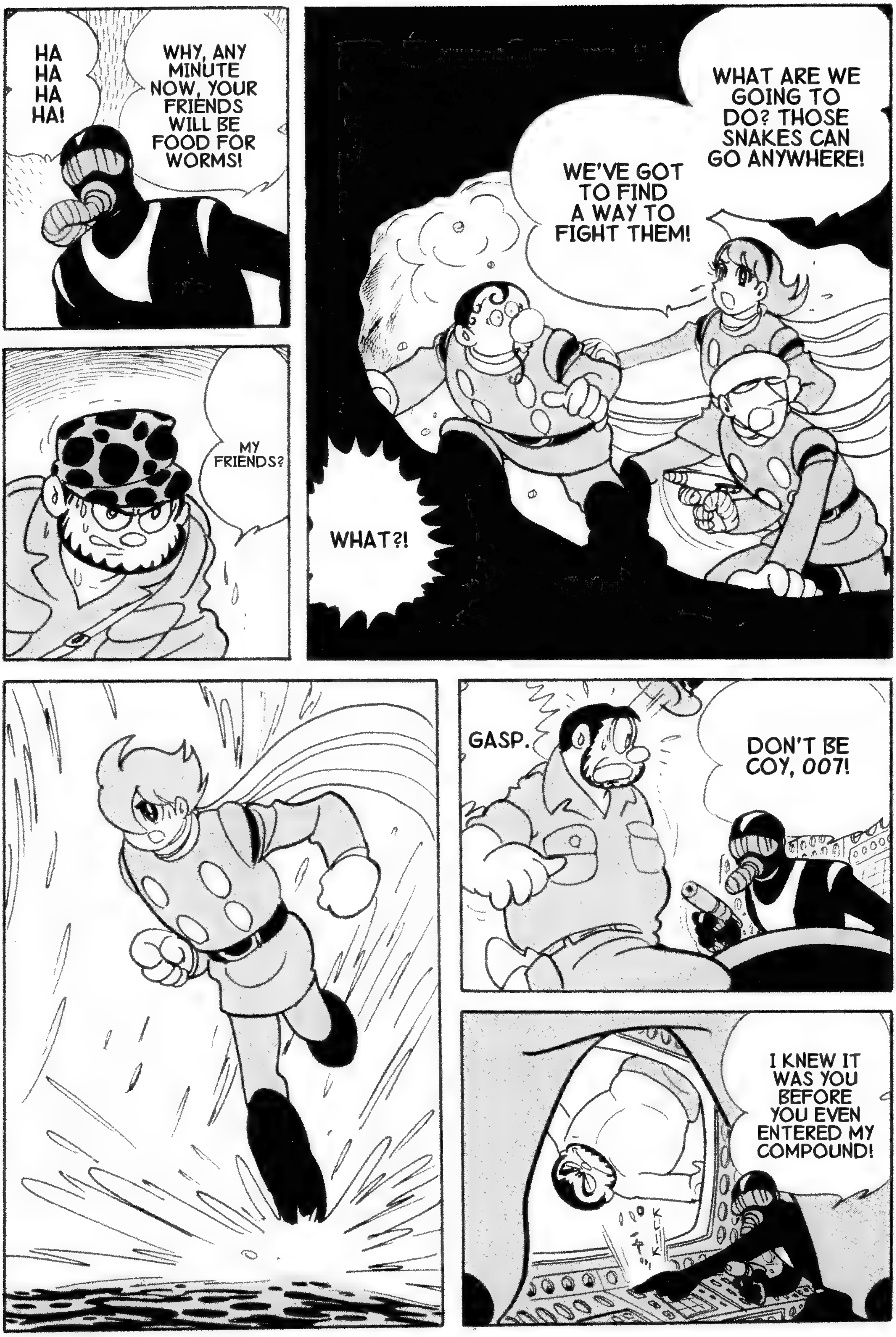

HIS LIQUID NUTRITION PIPE AND ENERGY PIPE HAVE BEEN SEVERED!
I COULD CONNECT ANOTHER LEG AND THE CIRCULATION MIGHT RESUME...
...BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY AT HAND TO DO IT.
......
......
CAN YOU FIX HIM OR NOT?
I CAN FIX HIM TEMPORARILY...
...BUT TO PROPERLY FIX HIM...
...WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO THE UNTHINKABLE.
RETURN TO THE BLACK GHOST'S LAIR!
I'M NOT AFRAID.
OKAY. WE SHOULD HEAD OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE... BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO
DO

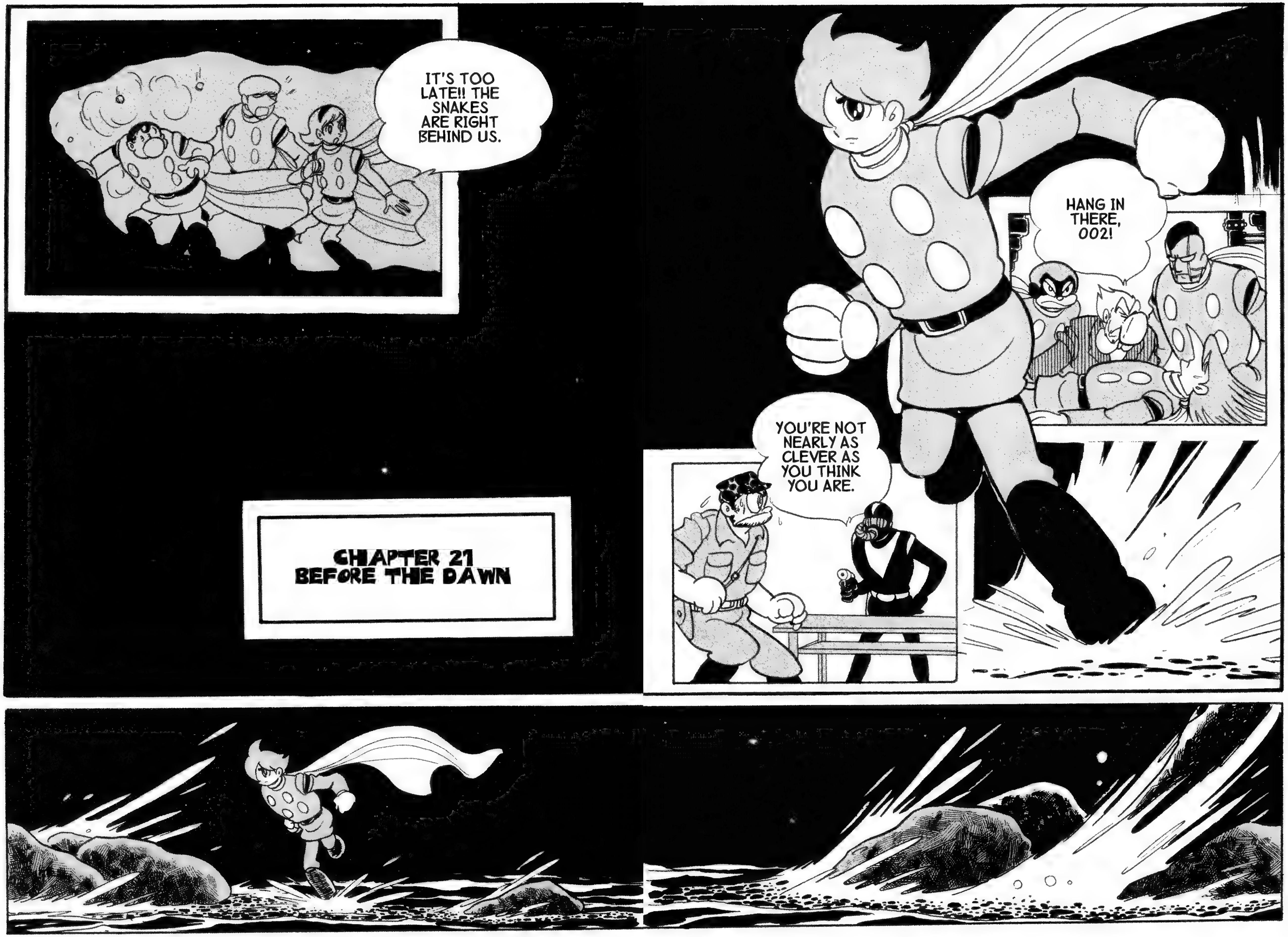

KAAN
KAAN
FSST
COME IN.
HEH.
KAAN
KAAN
KAAN
RIGHT HERE.
AMAZING! WHEN DID YOU BUILD ALL THIS?
NO QUESTIONS!
WHAT DID YOU COME TO TELL ME?
HEH HEH.
ACTUALLY, IT'S ABOUT THOSE 00 CYBORGS...
HMM, SO WHAT ABOUT THEM?
EEH...WELL THAT IS...ER... ACTUALLY WE'VE CAPTURED THEM...


IS THAT ALL?
PLEASE DON'T WASTE MY TIME.
THE COBRA'S ARMS ARE ALREADY TRACKING THEM.
IN FACT, THEY'RE PROBABLY DEAD AS WE SPEAK.
EEH!
EH?

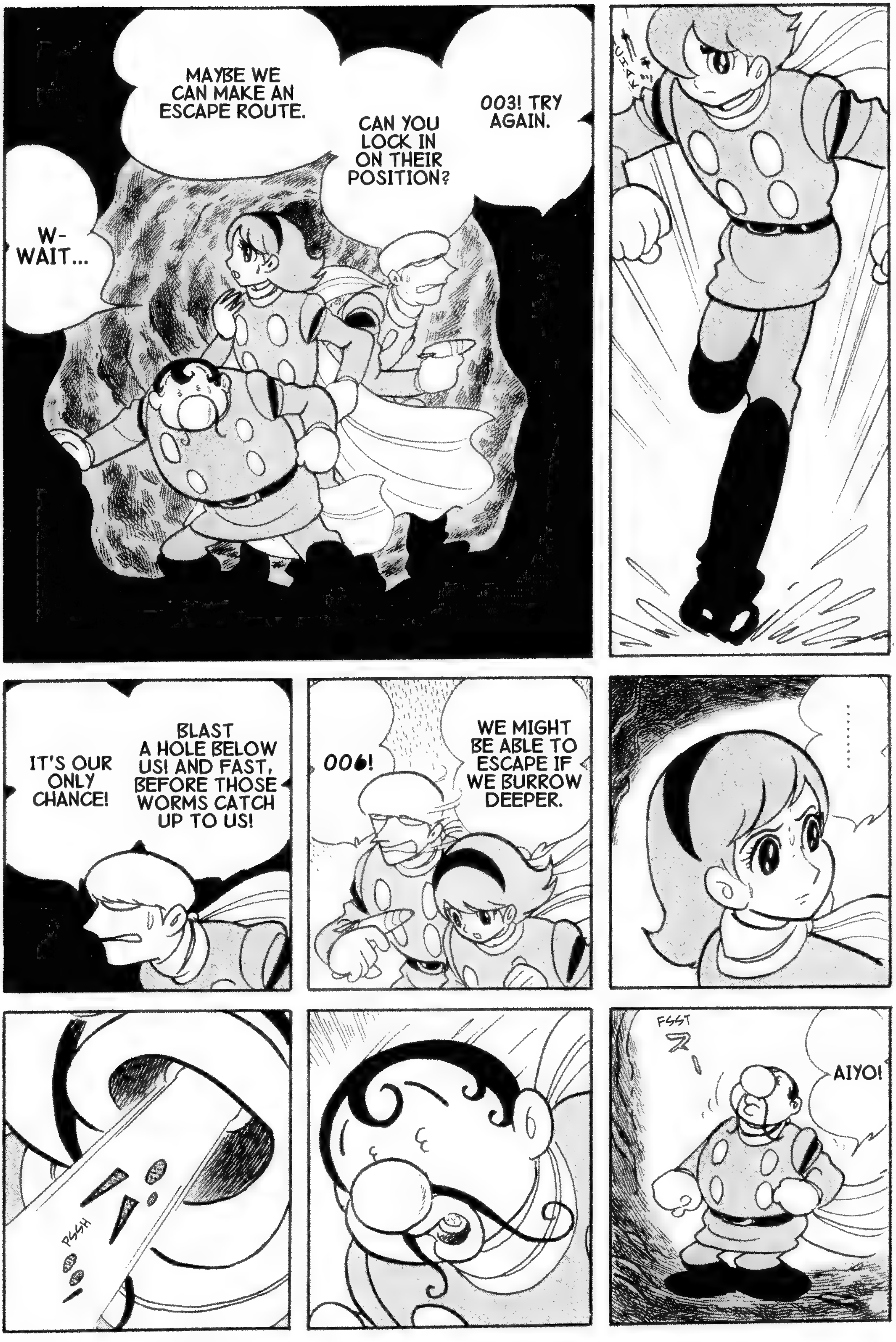

THOSE GUARDS ARE RATHER OVERZEALOUS.
THAT'S FINE. JUST RELAX. DON'T DO ANYTHING TO FURTHER EXCITE THEM.
AH!
WHAT IS IT?
ハッ
POP
THEY FOUND US!!
BZZT
BZZT

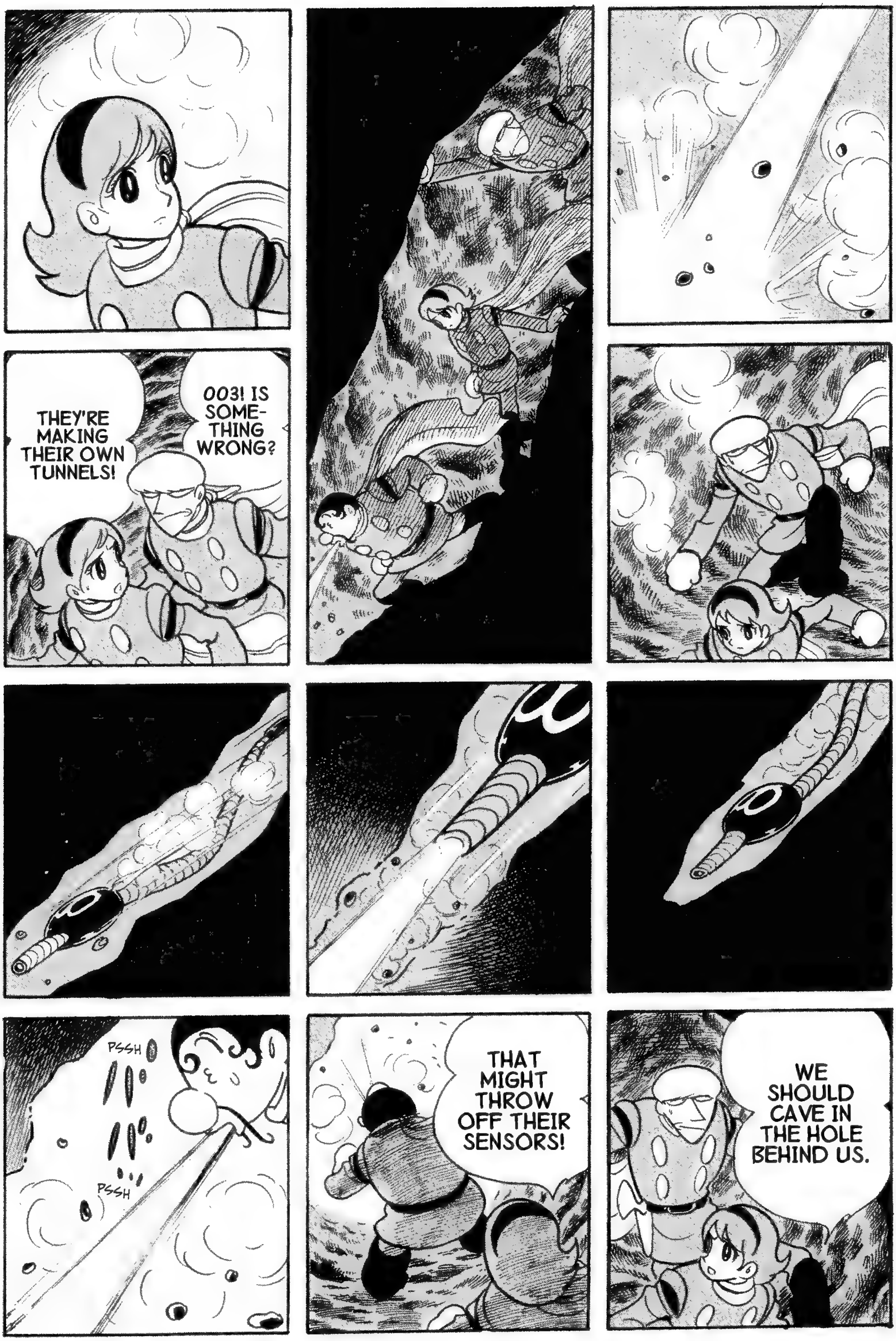
BOOM
DA
DA
DA
WAH!
FWOM

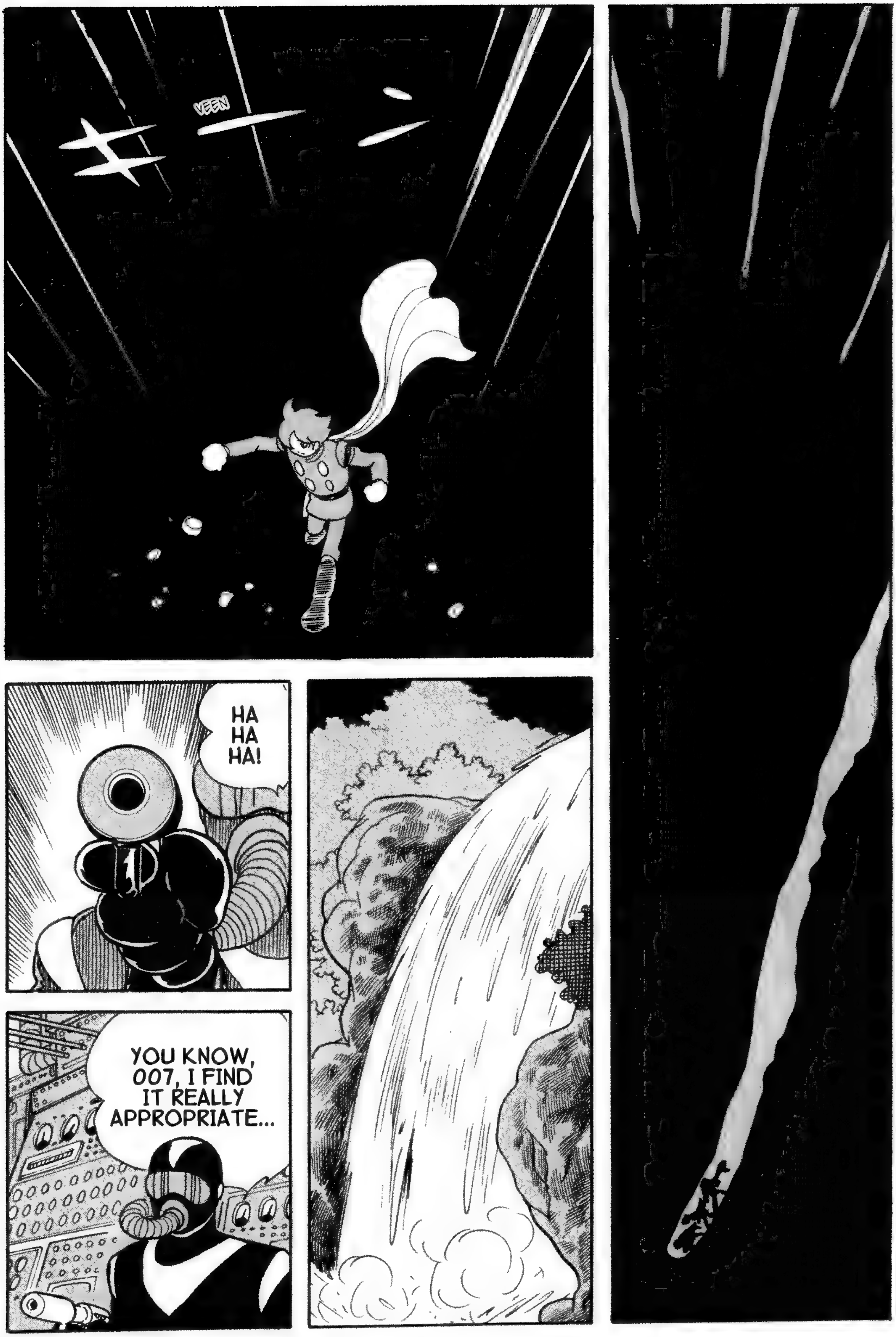

HA HA HA HA!
WHY, ANY MINUTE NOW, YOUR FRIENDS WILL BE FOOD FOR WORMS!
MY FRIENDS?
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? THOSE SNAKES CAN GO ANYWHERE!
WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO FIGHT THEM!
WHAT?!
GASP.
DON'T BE COY, 007!
I KNEW IT WAS YOU BEFORE YOU EVEN ENTERED MY COMPOUND!
KLIK

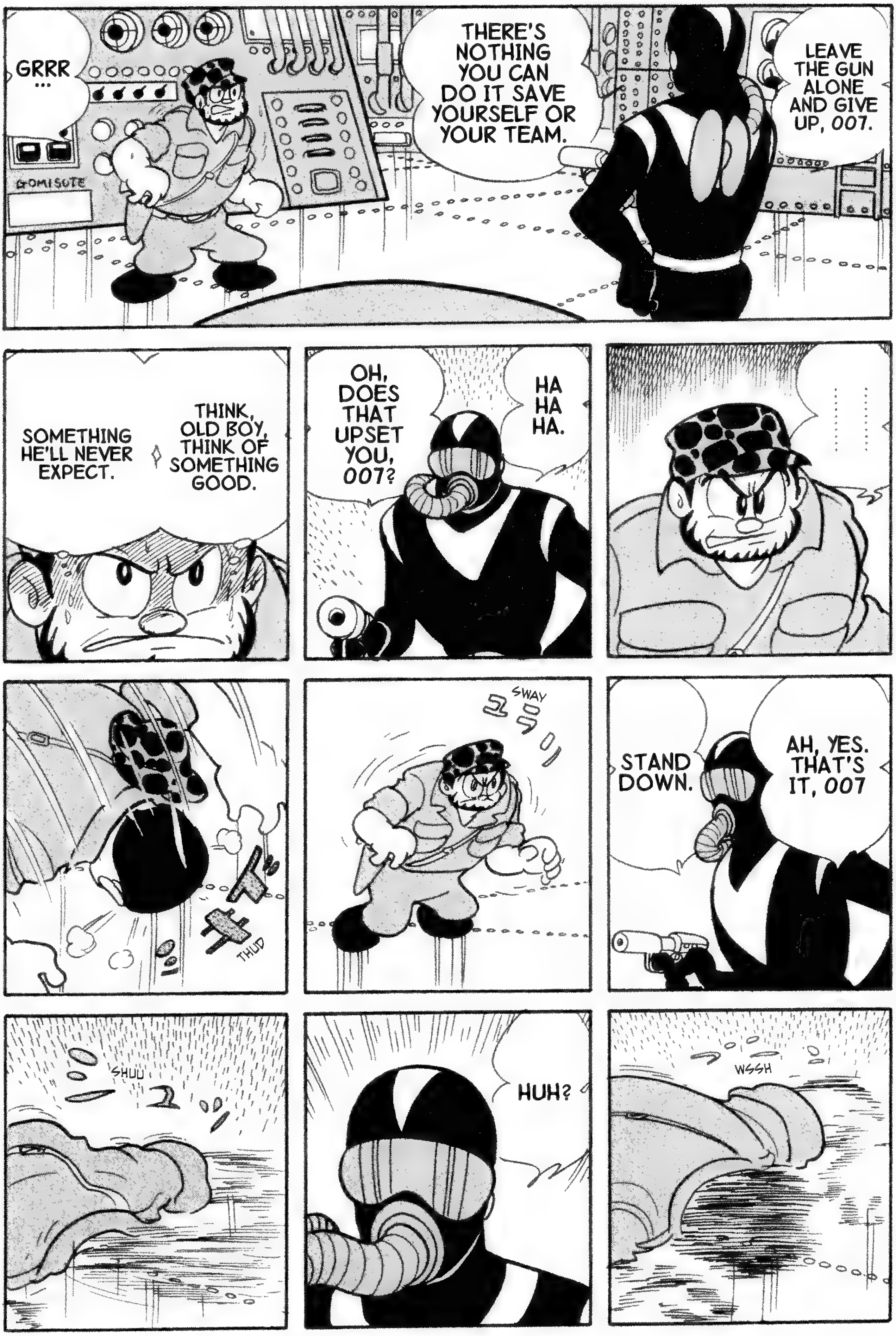

IT'S TOO LATE!! THE SNAKES ARE RIGHT BEHIND US.
HANG IN THERE, 002!
YOU'RE NOT NEARLY AS CLEVER AS YOU THINK YOU ARE.

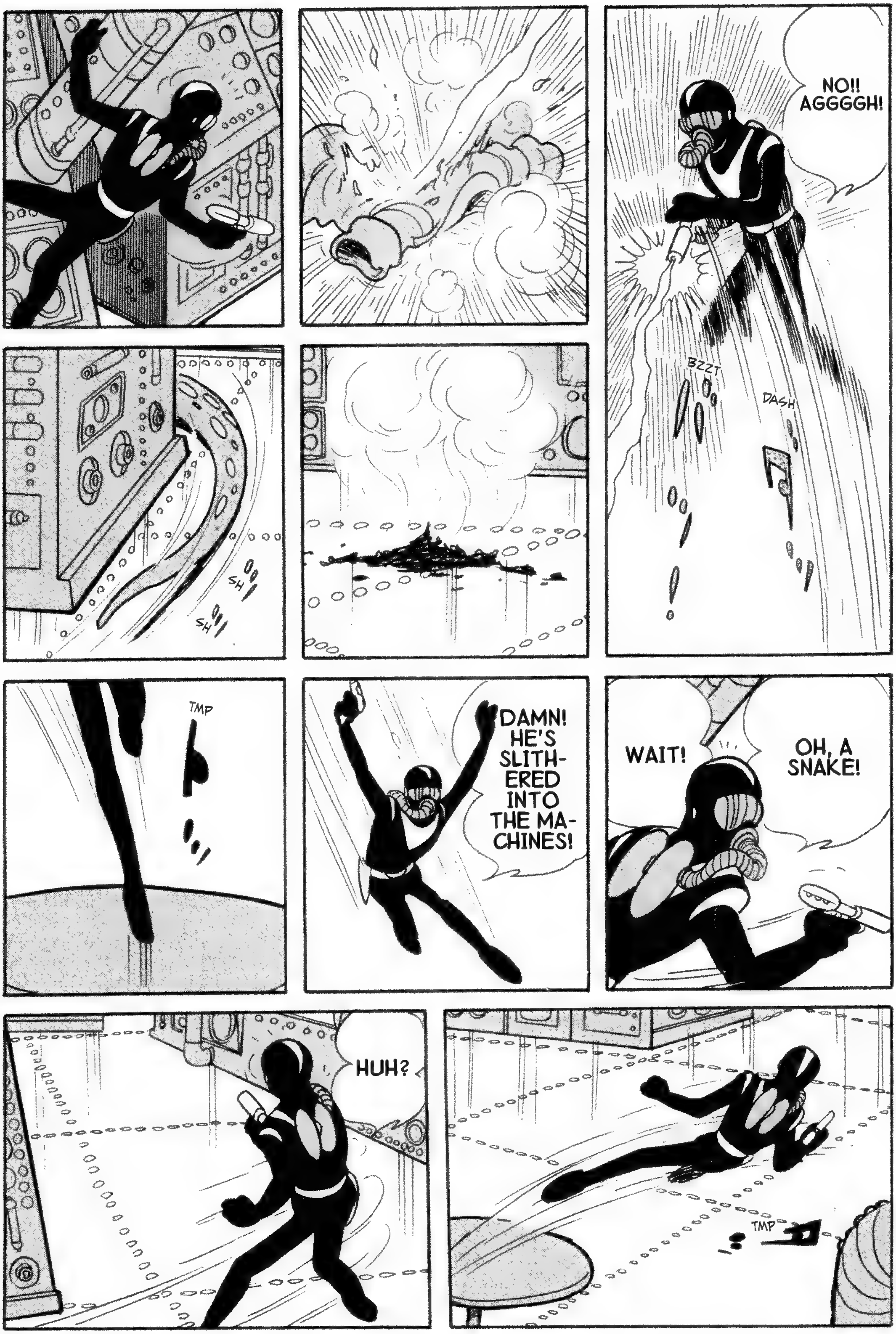
CHAPTER 21
BEFORE THE DAWN

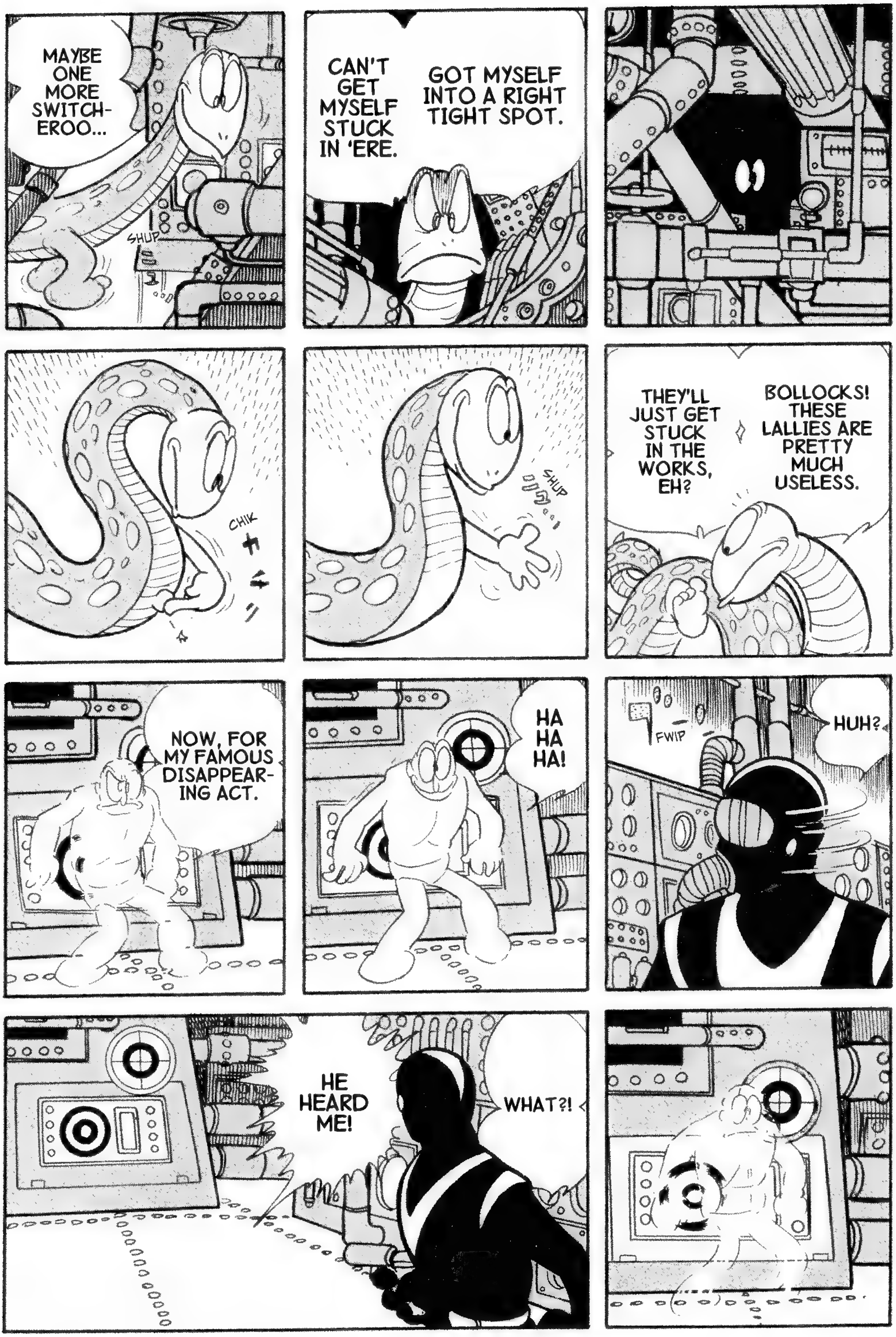

CHAK
003! TRY AGAIN.
CAN YOU LOCK IN ON THEIR POSITION?
MAYBE WE CAN MAKE AN ESCAPE ROUTE.
W-WAIT...
……
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ESCAPE IF WE BURROW DEEPER.
006!
BLAST A HOLE BELOW US! AND FAST, BEFORE THOSE WORMS CATCH UP TO US!
IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!
FSST
AIYO!
PSSH

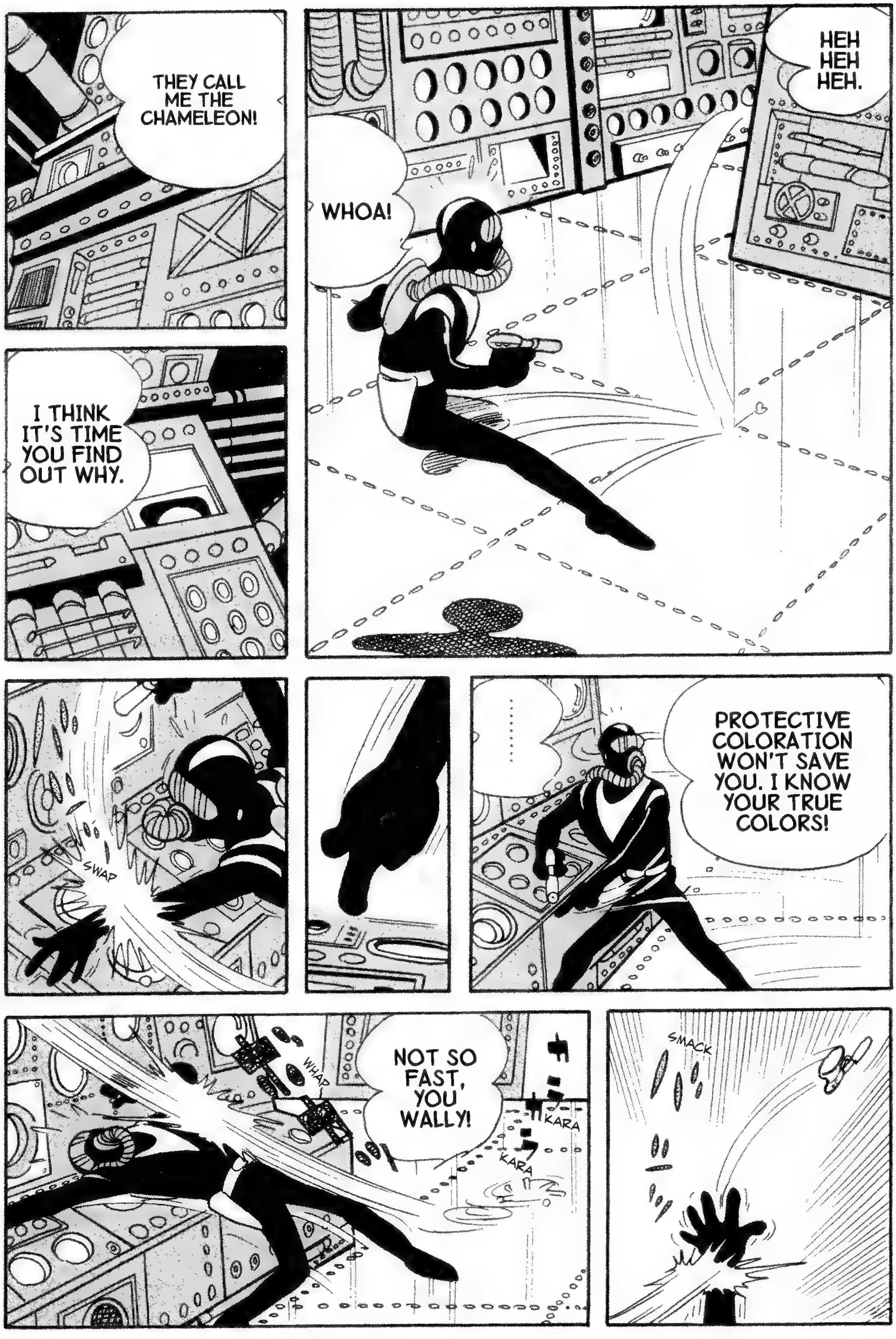

003! IS SOMETHING WRONG?
THEY'RE MAKING THEIR OWN TUNNELS!
WE SHOULD CAVE IN THE HOLE BEHIND US.
THAT MIGHT THROW OFF THEIR SENSORS!
PSSH
PSSH

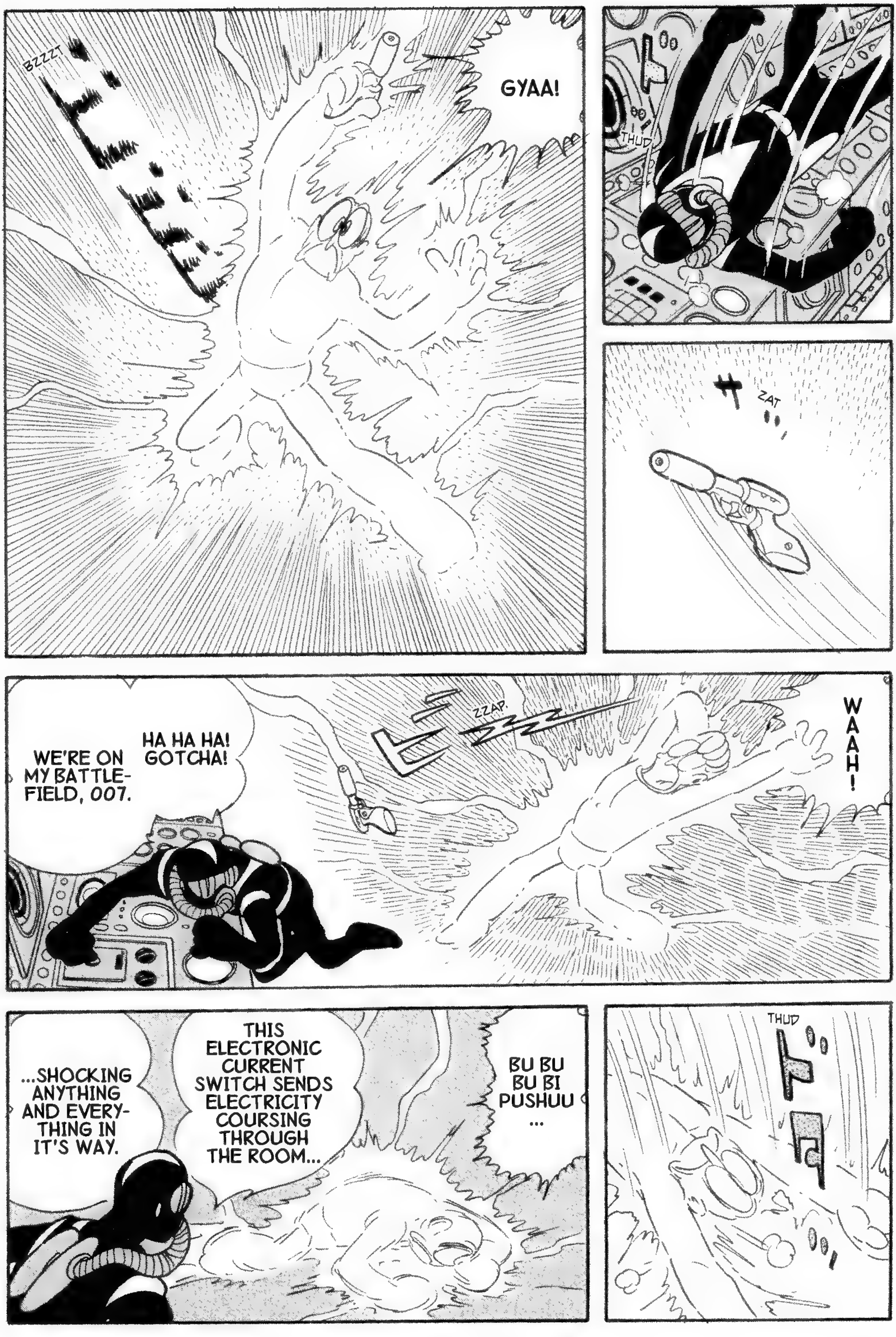

VEEN
HA HA HA!
YOU KNOW, 007, I FIND IT REALLY APPROPRIATE...

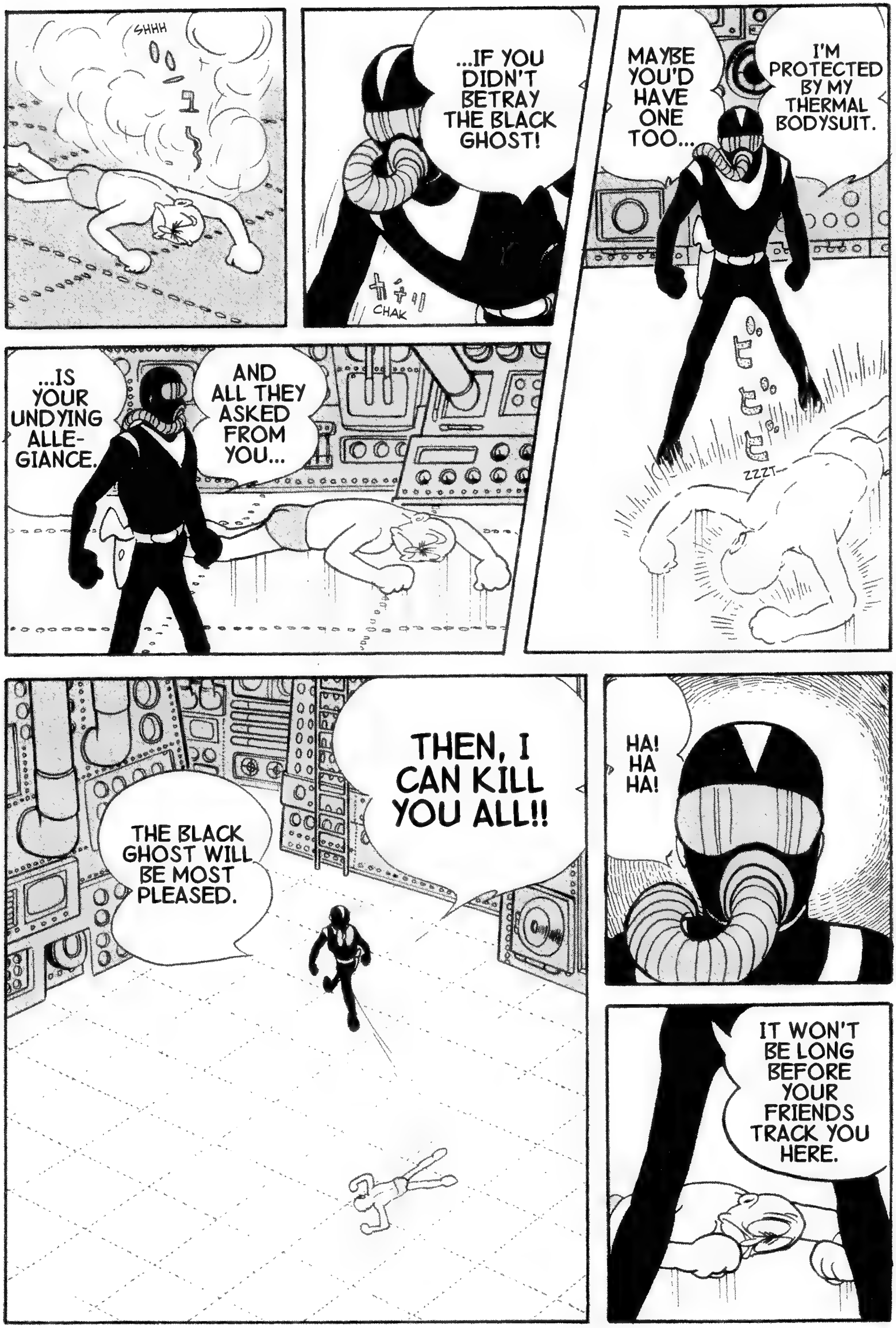

LEAVE THE GUN ALONE AND GIVE UP, 007.
THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO IT SAVE YOURSELF OR YOUR TEAM.
GRRR ...
GOMISUTE
....
HA HA HA.
OH, DOES THAT UPSET YOU, 007?
THINK, OLD BOY, THINK OF SOMETHING GOOD.
SOMETHING HE'LL NEVER EXPECT.
AH, YES. THAT'S IT, 007
STAND DOWN.
SWAY
THUD
WSSH
HUH?
SHUU

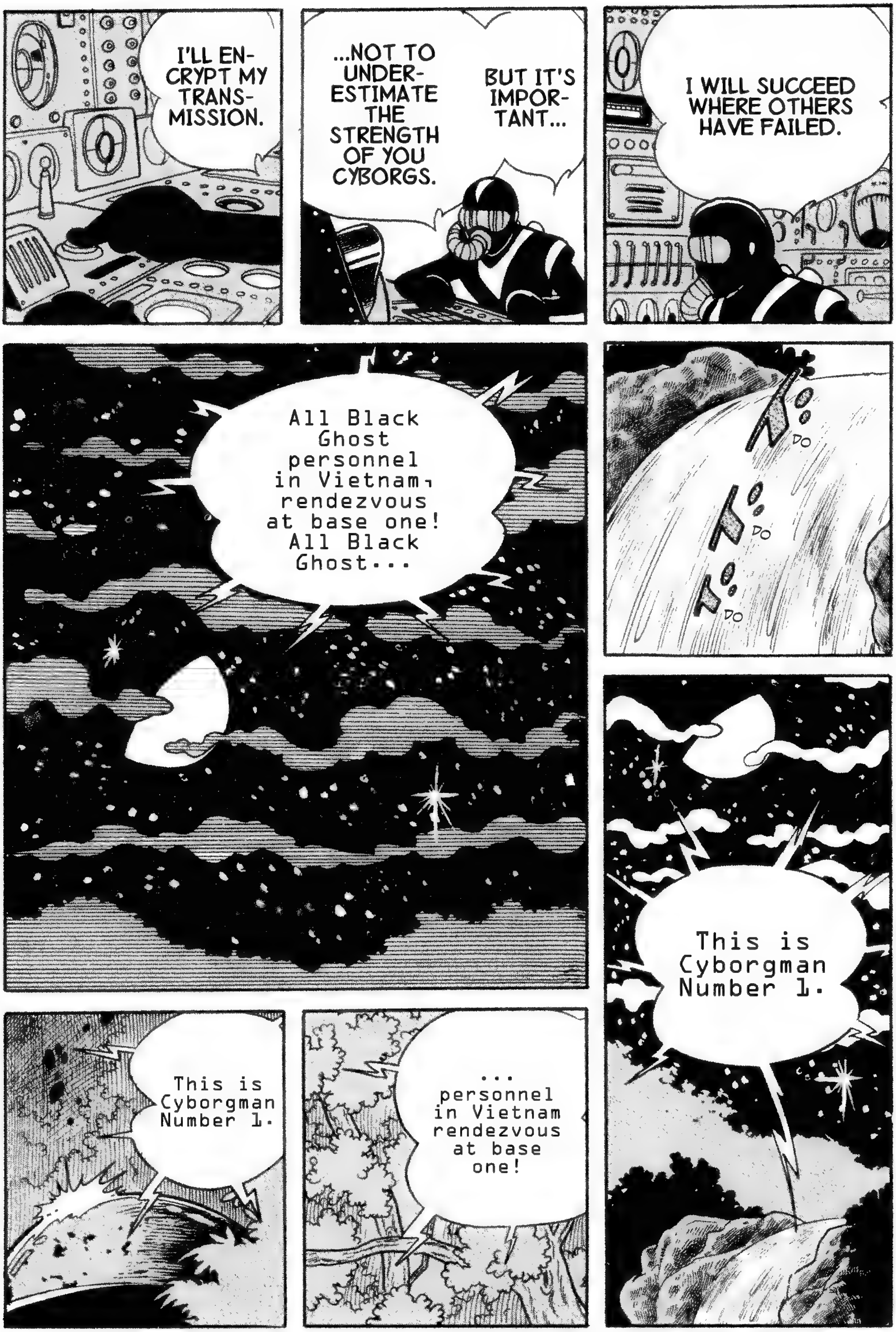

NO!! AGGGGH!
BZZT
DASH
SH
SH
TMP
DAMN! HE'S SLITHERED INTO THE MACHINES!
WAIT!
OH, A SNAKE!
HUH?
TMP

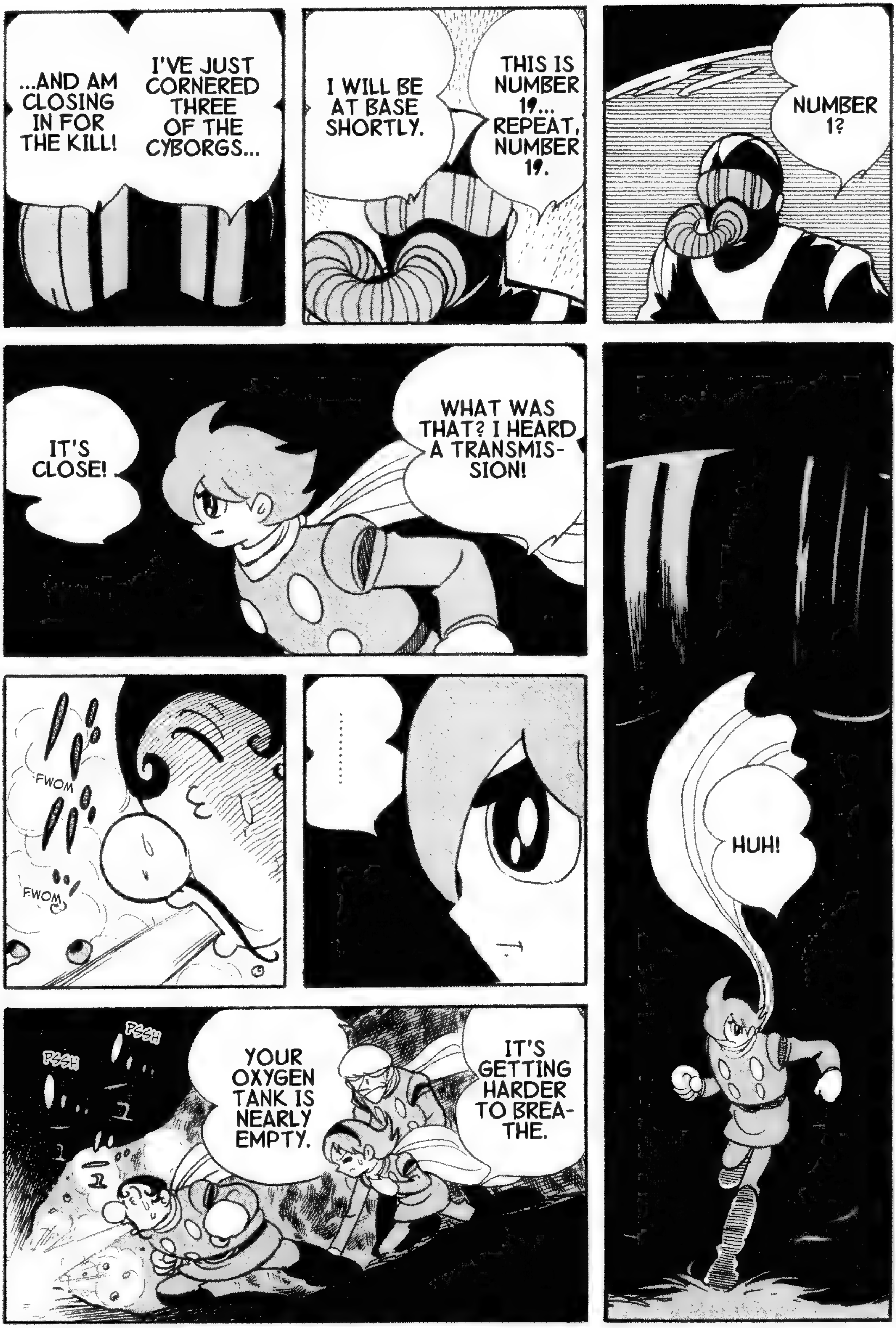

MAYBE ONE MORE SWITCH-EROO...
SHUP
GOT MYSELF INTO A RIGHT TIGHT SPOT.
CAN'T GET MYSELF STUCK IN 'ERE.
CHIK
SHUP
BOLLOCKS! THESE LALLIES ARE PRETTY MUCH USELESS.
THEY'LL JUST GET STUCK IN THE WORKS, EH?
NOW, FOR MY FAMOUS DISAPPEAR-ING ACT.
HA HA HA!
FWIP
HUH?
HE HEARD ME!
WHAT?!

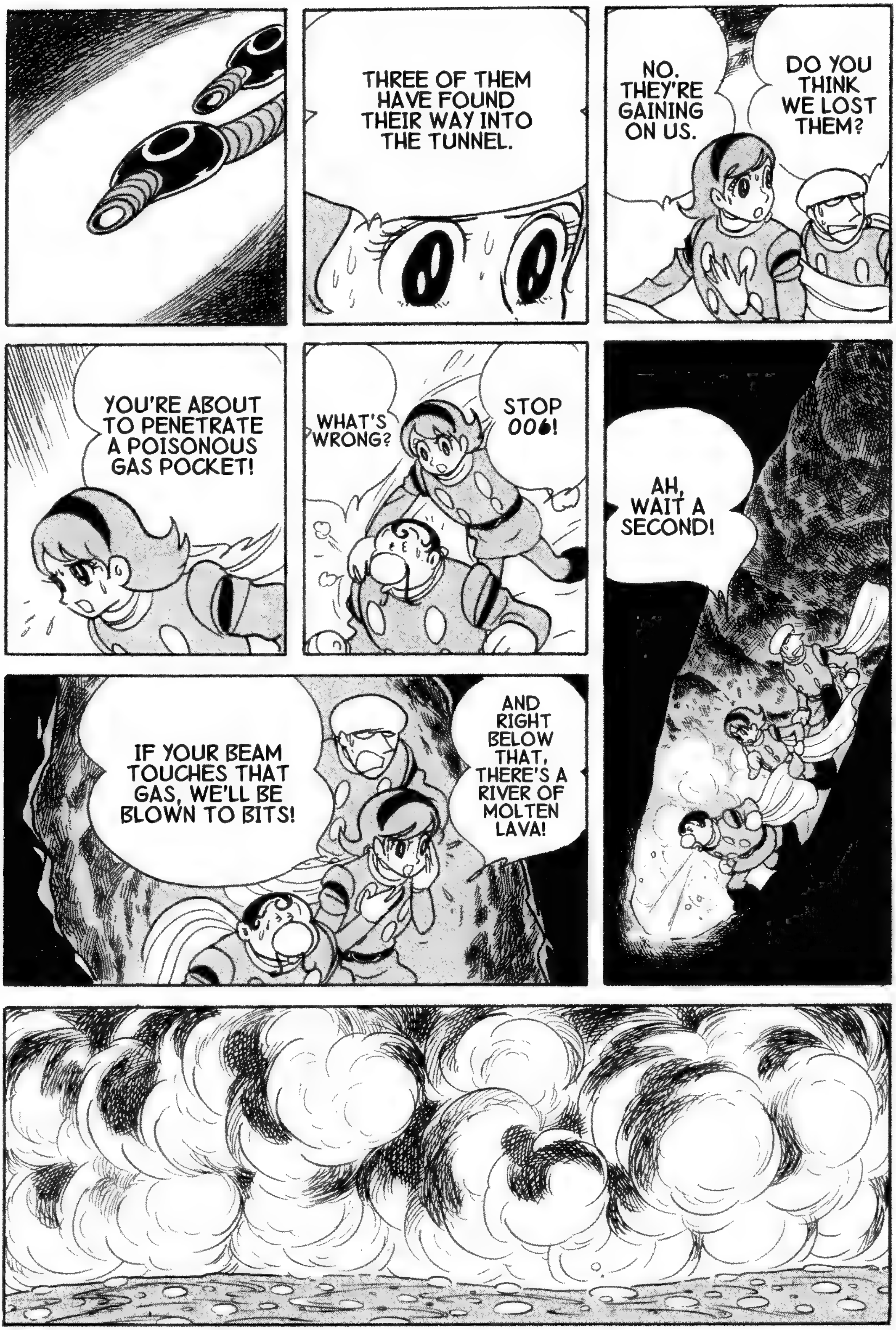

THEY CALL ME THE CHAMELEON!
I THINK IT'S TIME YOU FIND OUT WHY.
WHOA!
HEH HEH HEH.
SWAP
PROTECTIVE COLORATION WON'T SAVE YOU. I KNOW YOUR TRUE COLORS!
WHAP
NOT SO FAST, YOU WALLY!
KARA
KARA
SMACK

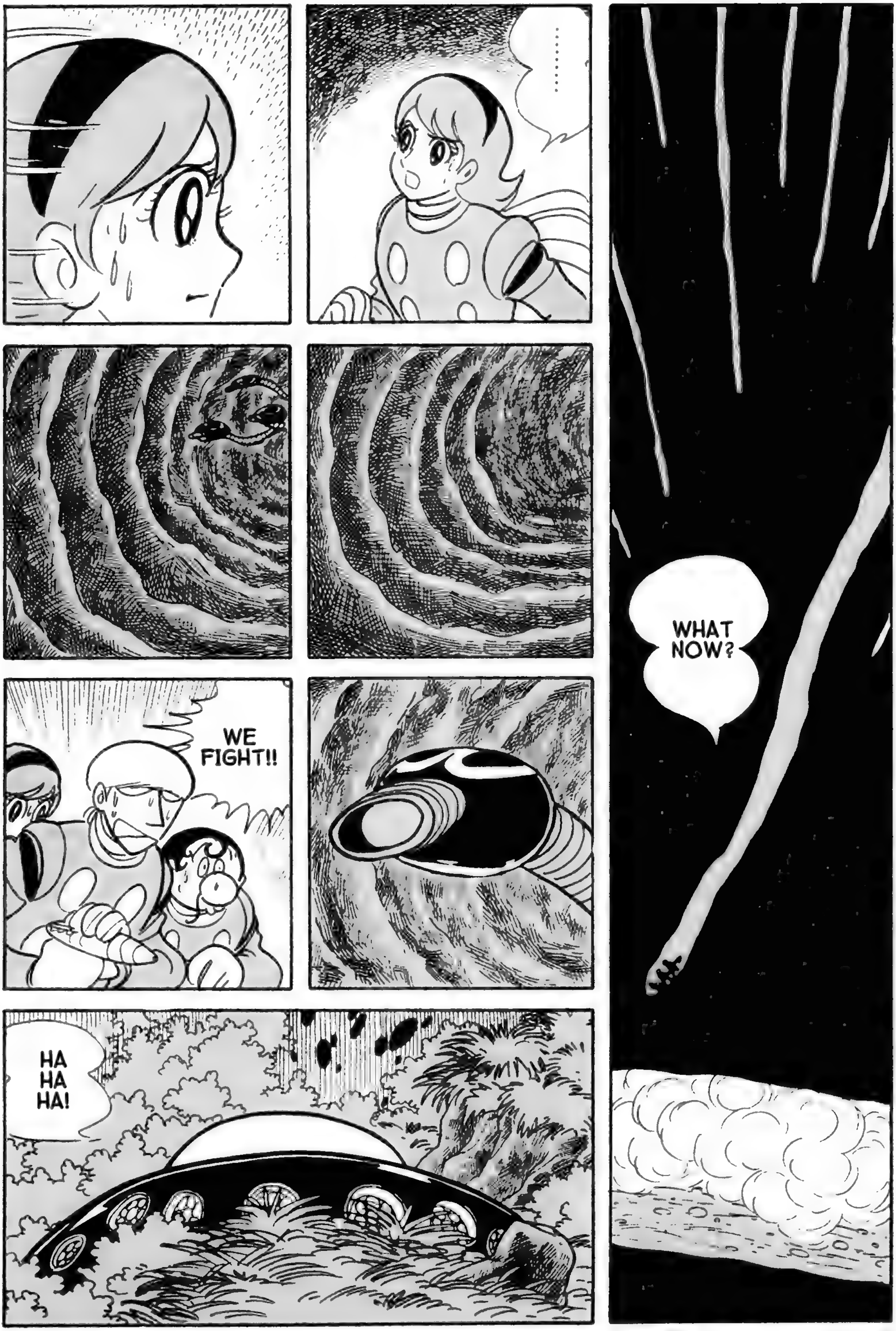

BZZZT
GYAA!
THUD
ZAT
HA HA HA! GOTCHA!
WE'RE ON MY BATTLEFIELD, 007.
ZZAP
WAAAH!
THIS ELECTRONIC CURRENT SWITCH SENDS ELECTRICITY COURSING THROUGH THE ROOM...
...SHOCKING ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING IN IT'S WAY.
BU BU BU BI PUSHUU ...
THUD

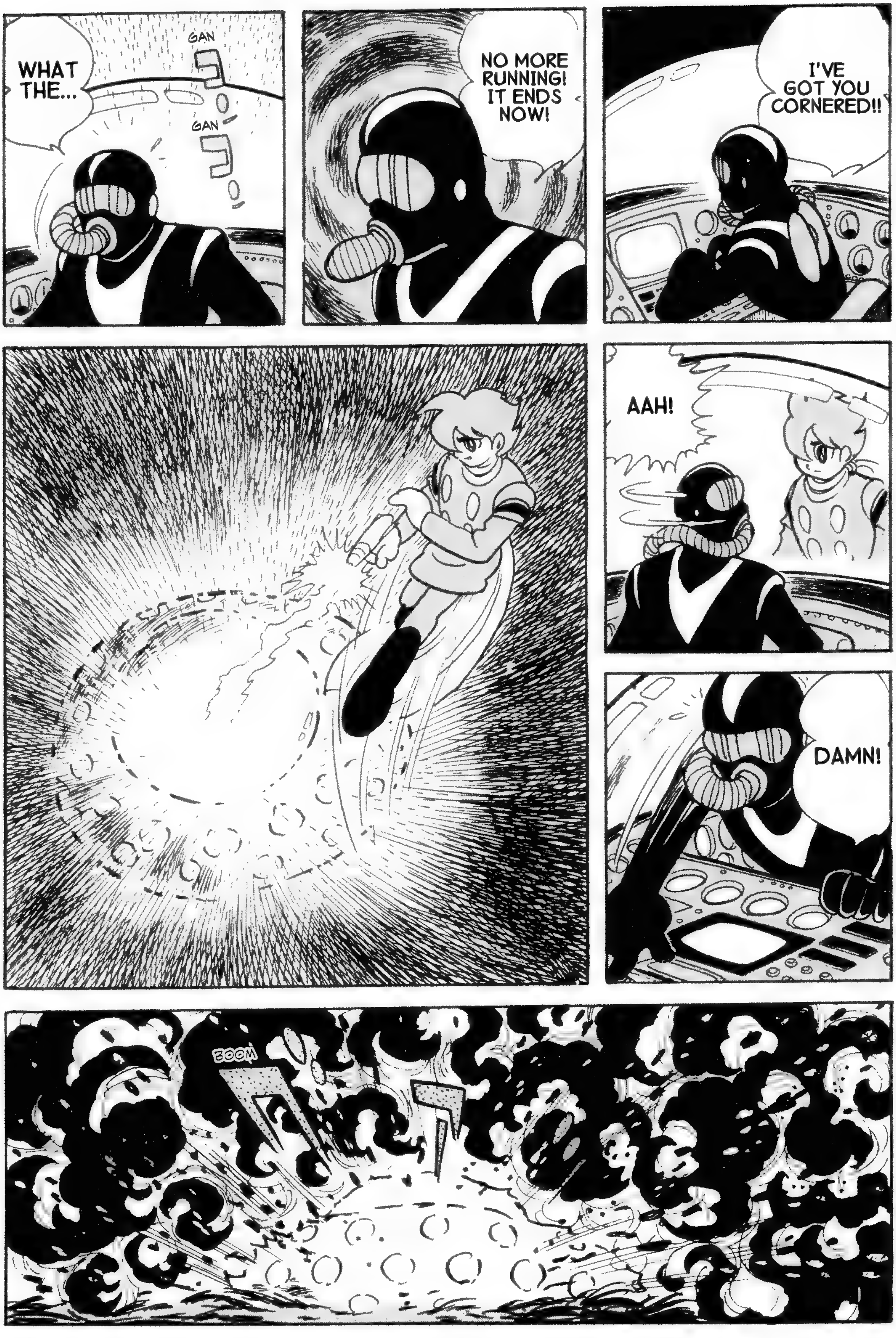

I'M PROTECTED BY MY THERMAL BODYSUIT.
MAYBE YOU'D HAVE ONE TOO...
ZZZT
...IF YOU DIDN'T BETRAY THE BLACK GHOST!
CHAK
SHHH
AND ALL THEY ASKED FROM YOU...
...IS YOUR UNDYING ALLEGIANCE.
HA! HA HA!
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE YOUR FRIENDS TRACK YOU HERE.
THEN, I CAN KILL YOU ALL!!
THE BLACK GHOST WILL BE MOST PLEASED.

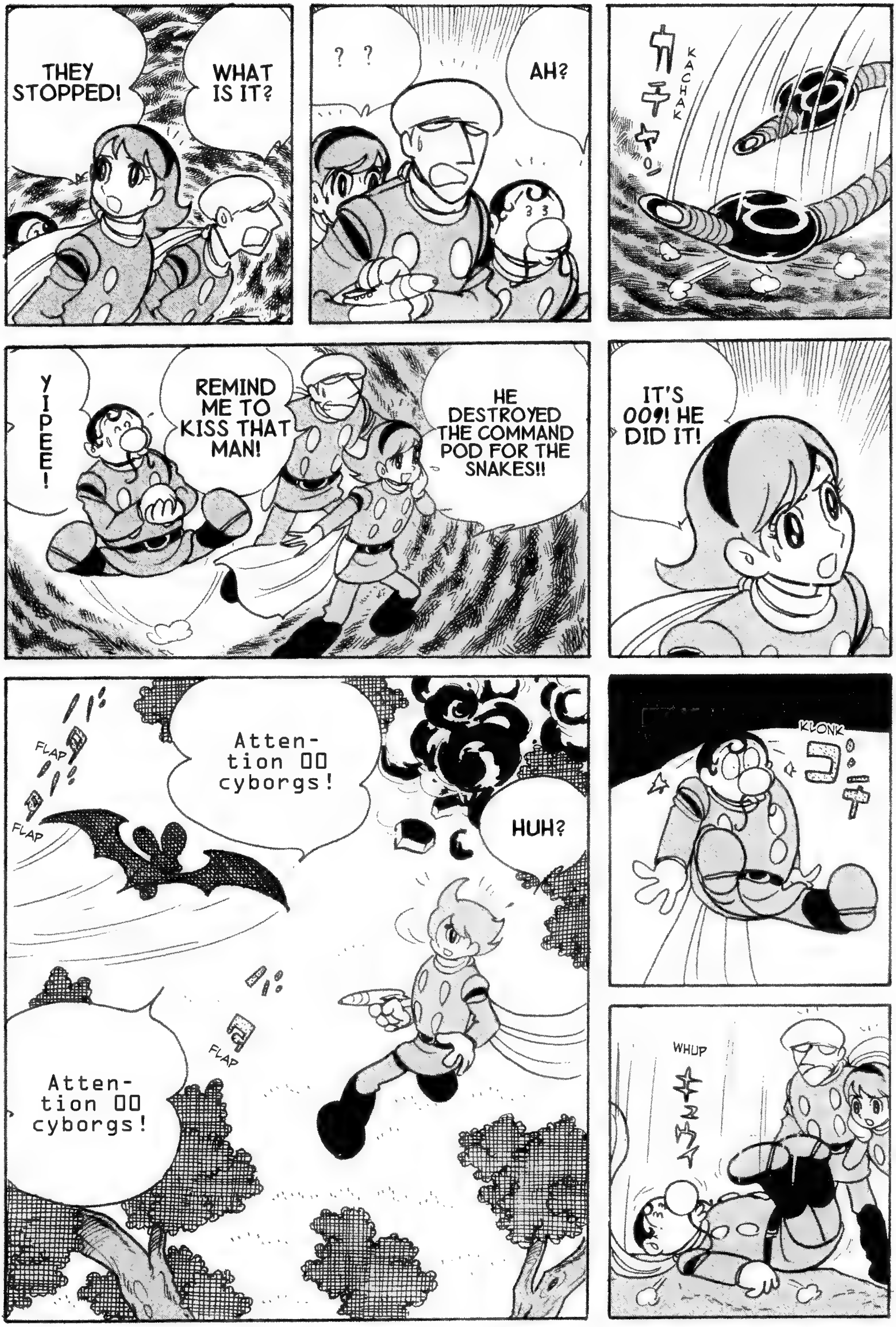

I'LL ENCRYPT MY TRANSMISSION.
BUT IT'S IMPORTANT...
...NOT TO UNDERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF YOU CYBORGS.
I WILL SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS HAVE FAILED.
All Black Ghost personnel in Vietnam, rendezvous at base one! All Black Ghost...
DO
DO
DO
This is Cyborgman Number 1.
This is Cyborgman Number 1.
... personnel in Vietnam rendezvous at base one!

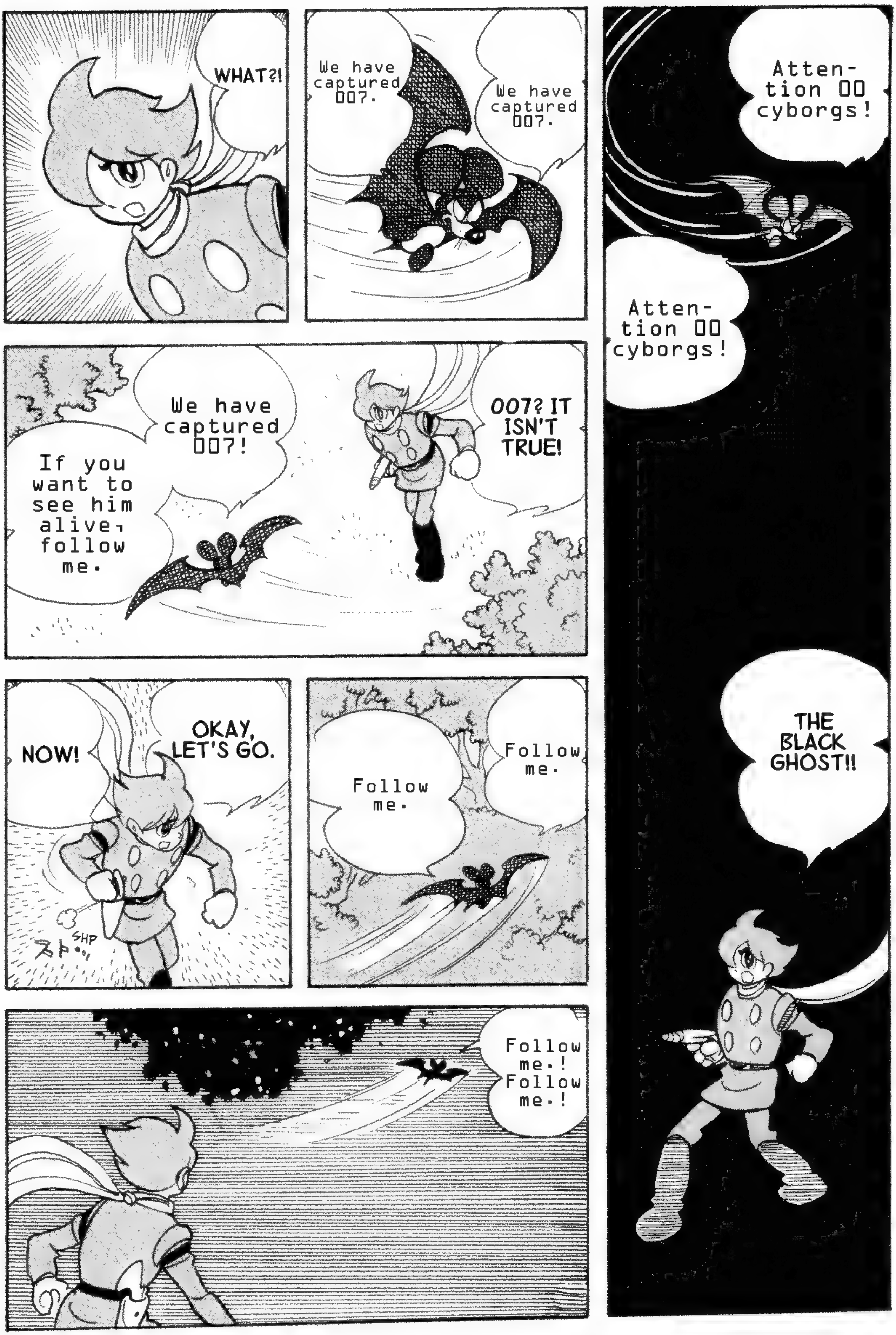

NUMBER 1?
THIS IS NUMBER 19... REPEAT, NUMBER 19.
I WILL BE AT BASE SHORTLY.
I'VE JUST CORNERED THREE OF THE CYBORGS...
...AND AM CLOSING IN FOR THE KILL!
HUH!
WHAT WAS THAT? I HEARD A TRANSMISSION!
IT'S CLOSE!
....
FWOM
FWOM
IT'S GETTING HARDER TO BREATHE.
YOUR OXYGEN TANK IS NEARLY EMPTY.
PSSH
PSSH

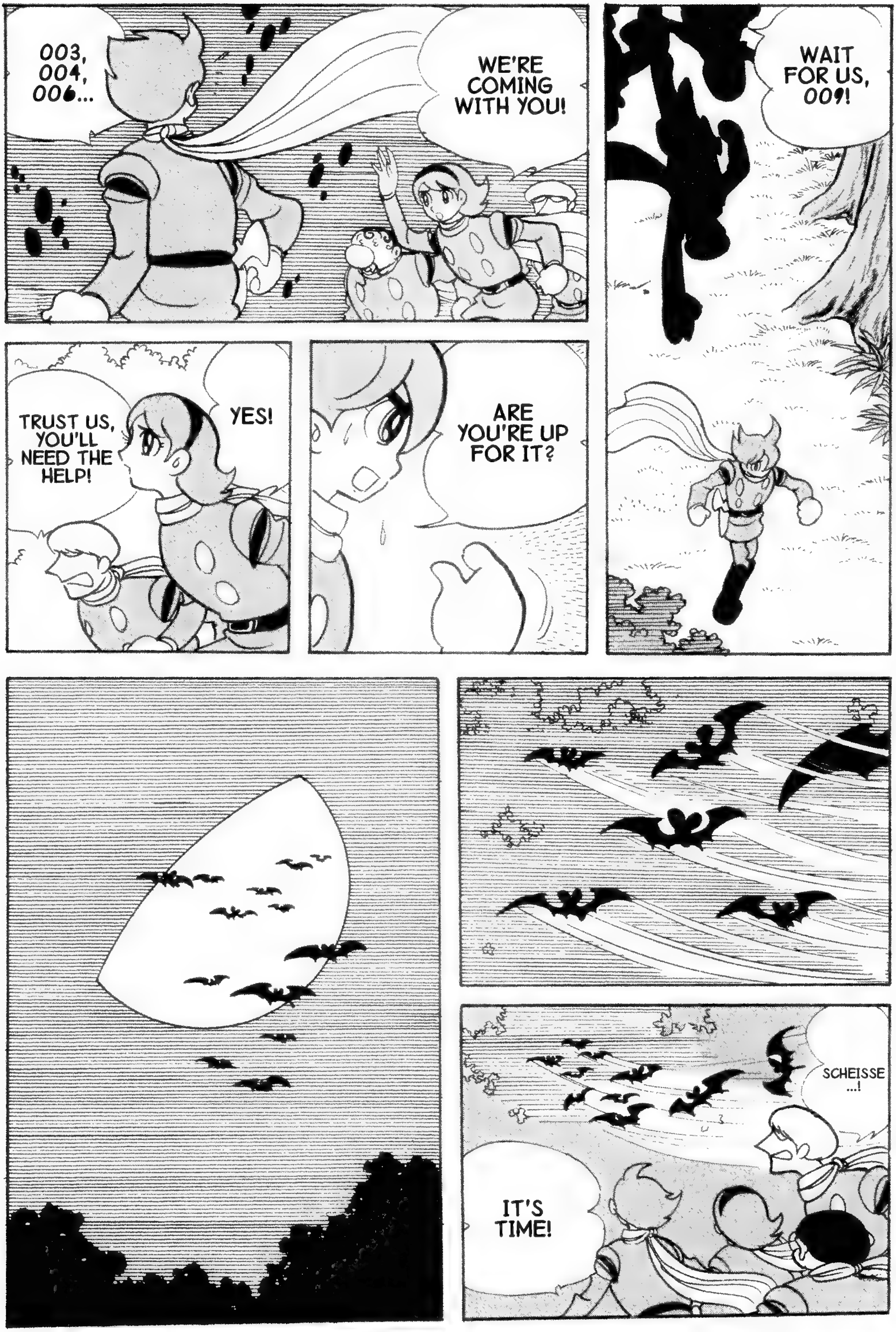

DO YOU THINK WE LOST THEM?
NO. THEY'RE GAINING ON US.
THREE OF THEM HAVE FOUND THEIR WAY INTO THE TUNNEL.
AH, WAIT A SECOND!
STOP 006!
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU'RE ABOUT TO PENETRATE A POISONOUS GAS POCKET!
AND RIGHT BELOW THAT, THERE'S A RIVER OF MOLTEN LAVA!
IF YOUR BEAM TOUCHES THAT GAS, WE'LL BE BLOWN TO BITS!

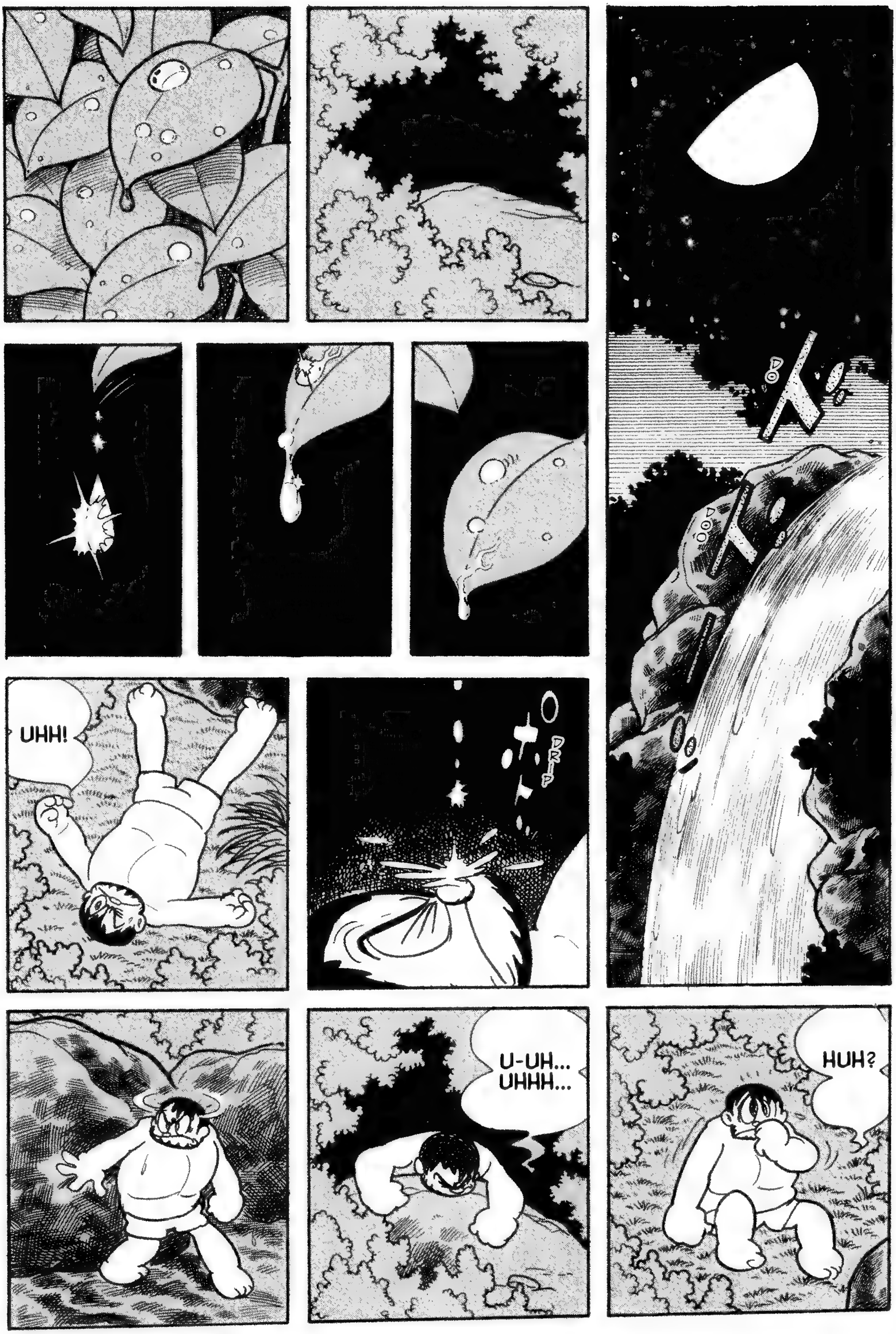

……
WHAT NOW?
WE FIGHT!!
HA HA HA!

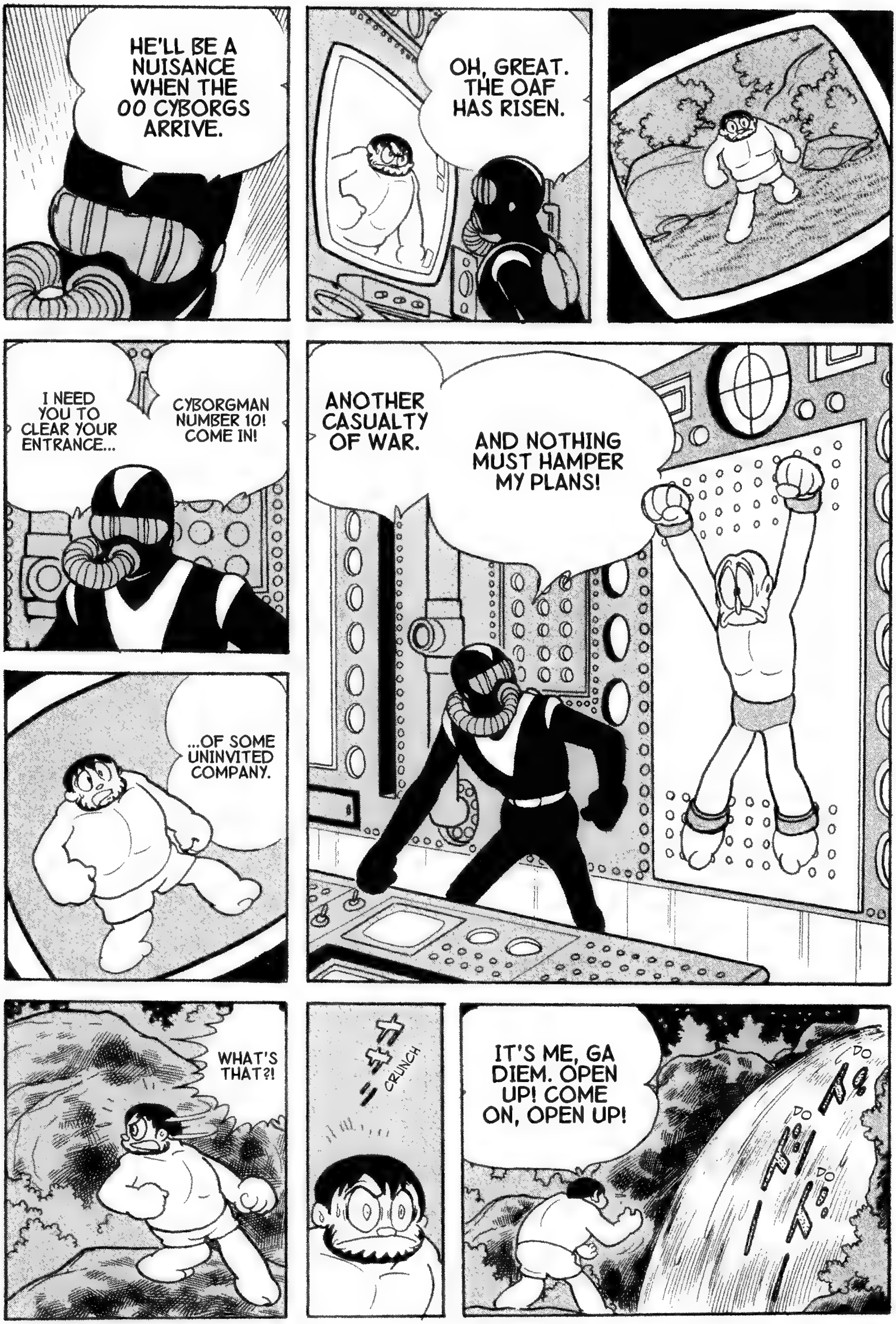

WHAT THE...
GAN
GAN
NO MORE RUNNING! IT ENDS NOW!
I'VE GOT YOU CORNERED!!
AAH!
DAMN!
BOOM

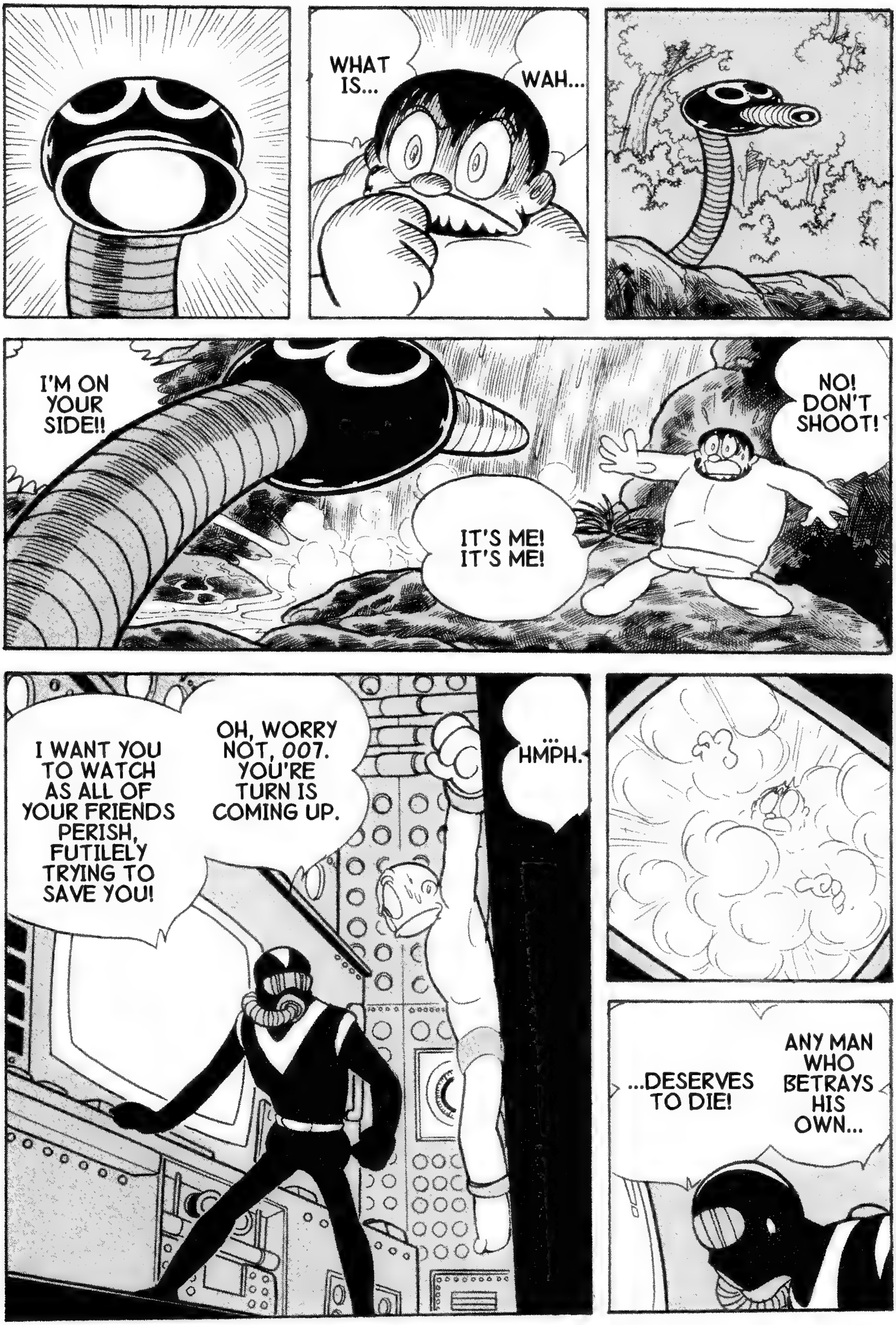

THEY STOPPED!
WHAT IS IT?
? ?
AH?
KACHAK
YIPEE!
REMIND ME TO KISS THAT MAN!
HE DESTROYED THE COMMAND POD FOR THE SNAKES!!
IT'S 009! HE DID IT!
FLAP
FLAP
Attention 00 cyborgs!
HUH?
FLAP
Attention 00 cyborgs!
KLONK
WHUP

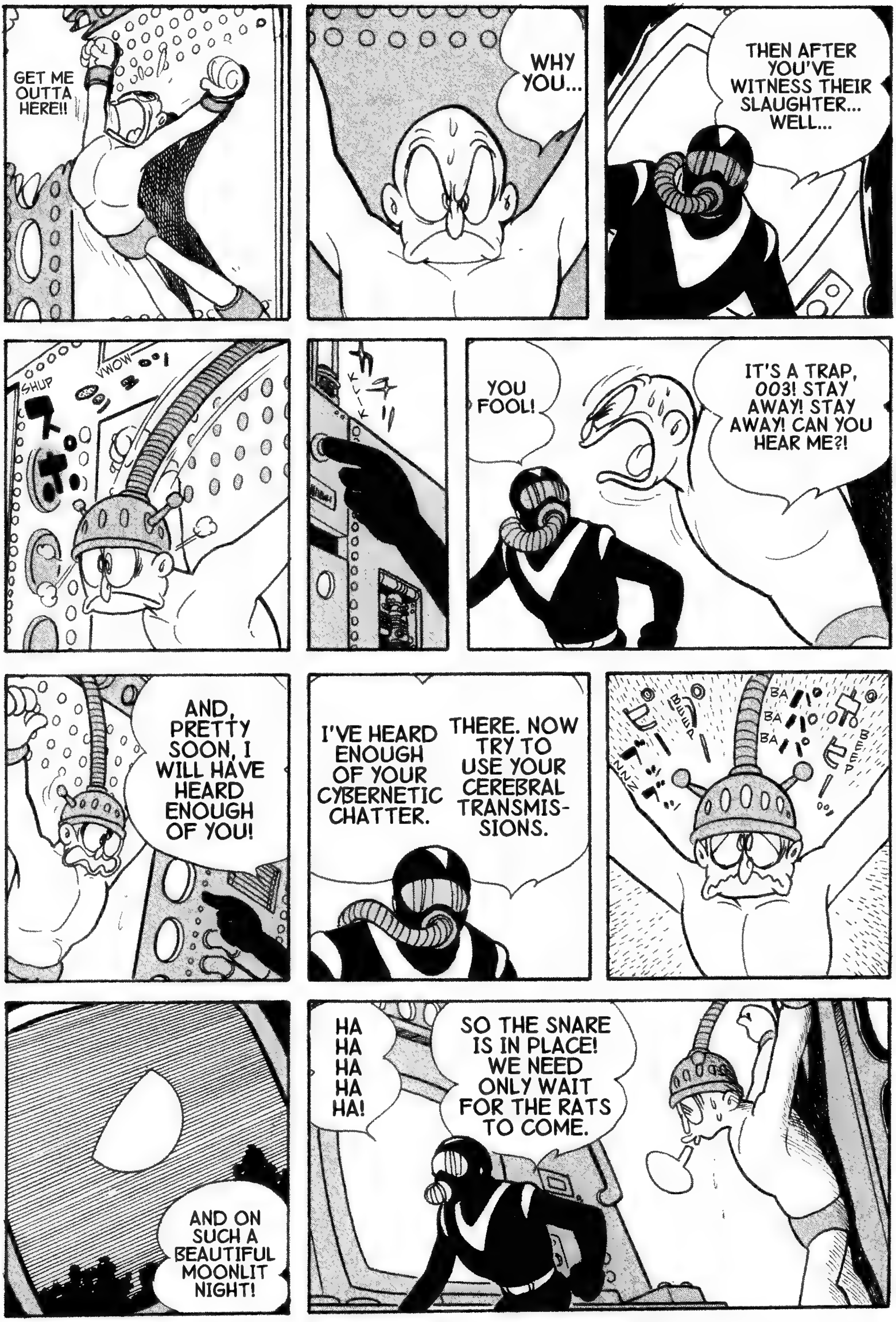

Attention 00 cyborgs!
Attention 00 cyborgs!
THE BLACK GHOST!!
We have captured 007.
We have captured 007.
WHAT?!
007? IT ISN'T TRUE!
We have captured 007!
If you want to see him alive, follow me.
Follow me.
Follow me.
OKAY, LET'S GO.
NOW!
SHP
スッ
Follow me.! Follow me.!

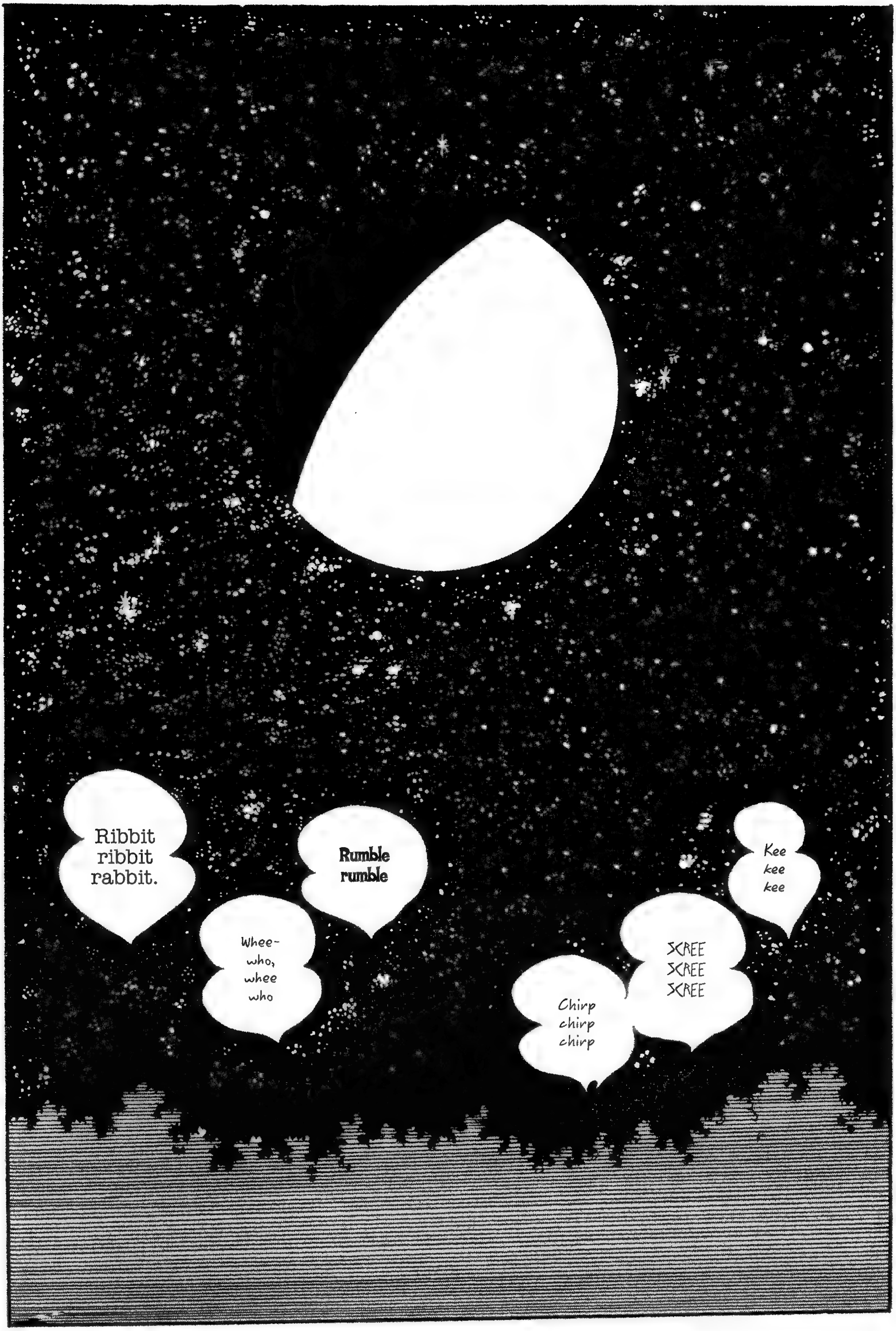

003, 004, 006...
WE'RE COMING WITH YOU!
WAIT FOR US, 009!
TRUST US, YOU'LL NEED THE HELP!
YES!
ARE YOU'RE UP FOR IT?
SCHEISSE ...!
IT'S TIME!


DOO
DOO
UHH!
DRIP
U-UH... UHHH...
HUH?


HE'LL BE A NUISANCE WHEN THE 00 CYBORGS ARRIVE.
OH, GREAT. THE OAF HAS RISEN.
CYBORGMAN NUMBER 10! COME IN!
I NEED YOU TO CLEAR YOUR ENTRANCE...
...OF SOME UNINVITED COMPANY.
ANOTHER CASUALTY OF WAR.
AND NOTHING MUST HAMPER MY PLANS!
WHAT'S THAT?!
CRUNCH
IT'S ME, GA DIEM. OPEN UP! COME ON, OPEN UP!
DO
DO
DO


WAH...
WHAT IS...
NO! DON'T SHOOT!
IT'S ME! IT'S ME!
I'M ON YOUR SIDE!!
ANY MAN WHO BETRAYS HIS OWN...
...DESERVES TO DIE!
...HMPH.
OH, WORRY NOT, 007. YOU'RE TURN IS COMING UP.
I WANT YOU TO WATCH AS ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS PERISH, FUTILELY TRYING TO SAVE YOU!


GET ME OUTTA HERE!!
WHY YOU...
THEN AFTER YOU'VE WITNESS THEIR SLAUGHTER... WELL...
SHUP
VWOW
KLIK
YOU FOOL!
IT'S A TRAP, 003! STAY AWAY! STAY AWAY! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!
AND, PRETTY SOON, I WILL HAVE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOU!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF YOUR CYBERNETIC CHATTER.
THERE. NOW TRY TO USE YOUR CEREBRAL TRANSMISSIONS.
BA
BA
BA
BEEP
BEEP
NNZ
AND ON SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MOONLIT NIGHT!
HA HA HA HA HA!
SO THE SNARE IS IN PLACE! WE NEED ONLY WAIT FOR THE RATS TO COME.


Ribbit
ribbit
rabbit.
Whee-
who,
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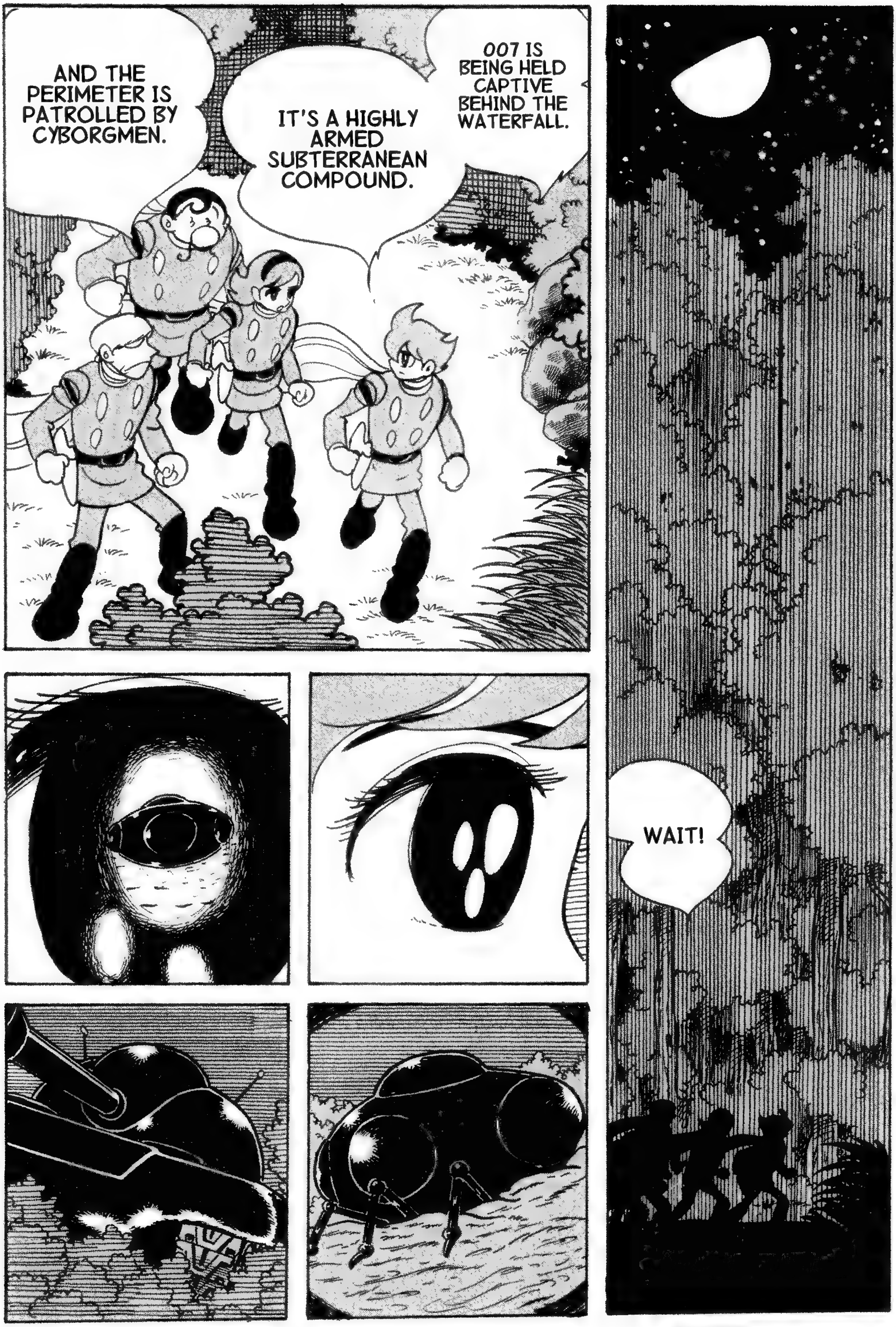
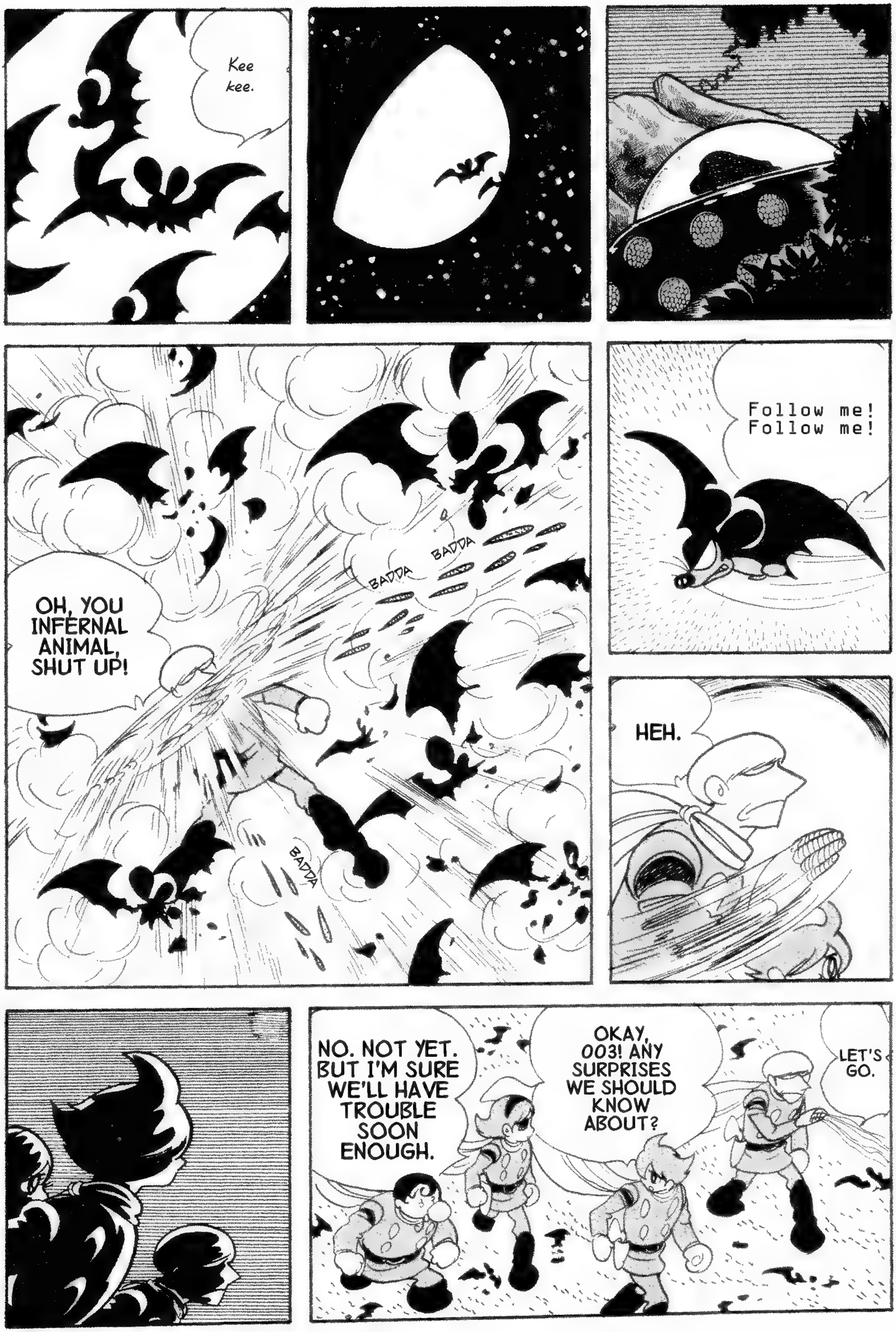
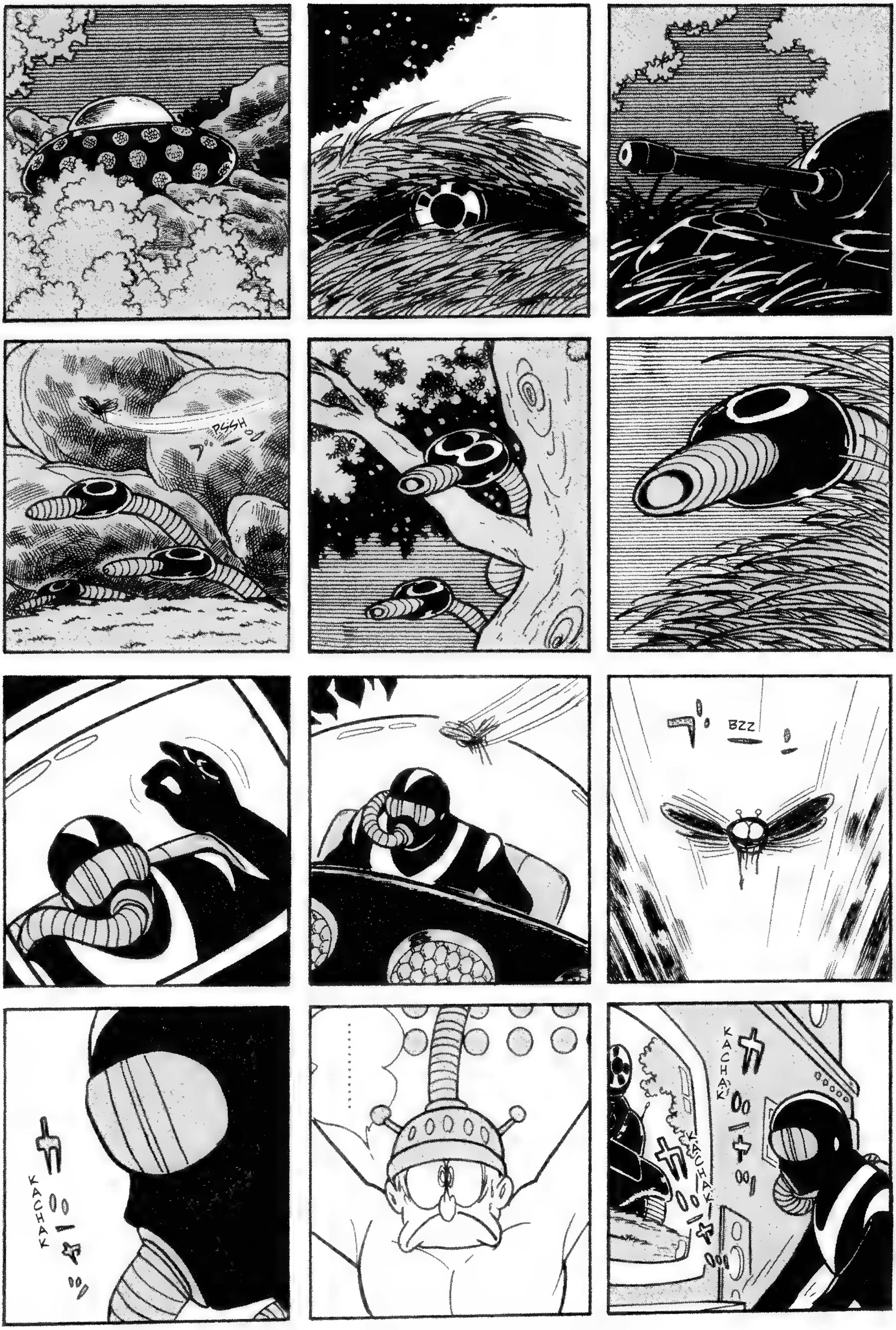
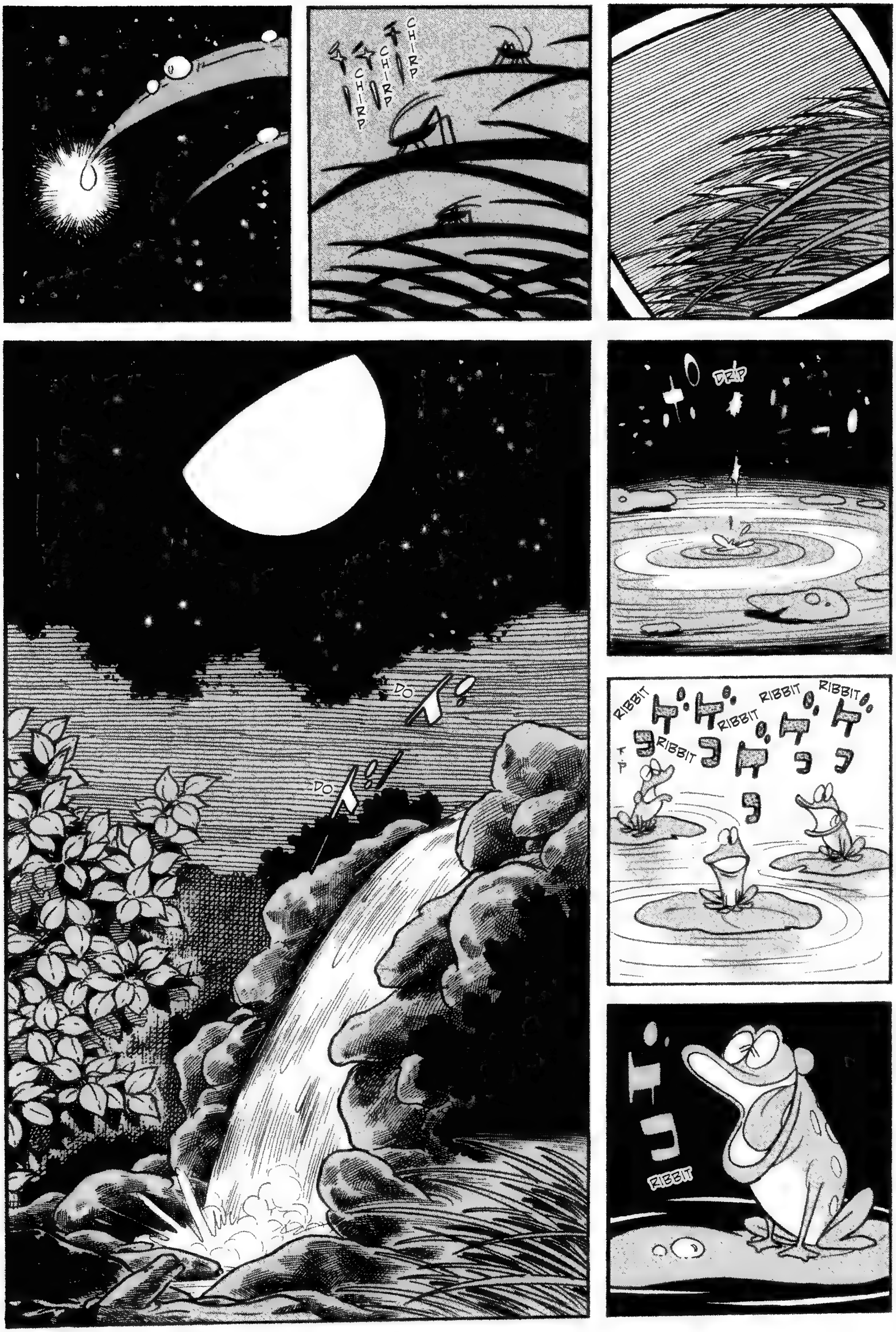
Rumble
rumble
Chirp
chirp
chirp
SCREE
SCREE
SCREE
Kee
kee
kee


WAIT!
007 IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE BEHIND THE WATERFALL.
IT'S A HIGHLY ARMED SUBTERRANEAN COMPOUND.
AND THE PERIMETER IS PATROLLED BY CYBORGMEN.


Kee kee.
Follow me! Follow me!
OH, YOU INFERNAL ANIMAL, SHUT UP!
BADDA
BADDA
BADDA
HEH.
LET'S GO.
OKAY, 003! ANY SURPRISES WE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?
NO. NOT YET. BUT I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE TROUBLE SOON ENOUGH.


PSSH
BZZ
KACHAK
KACHAK
KACHAK



CHIRP
CHIRP
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DO
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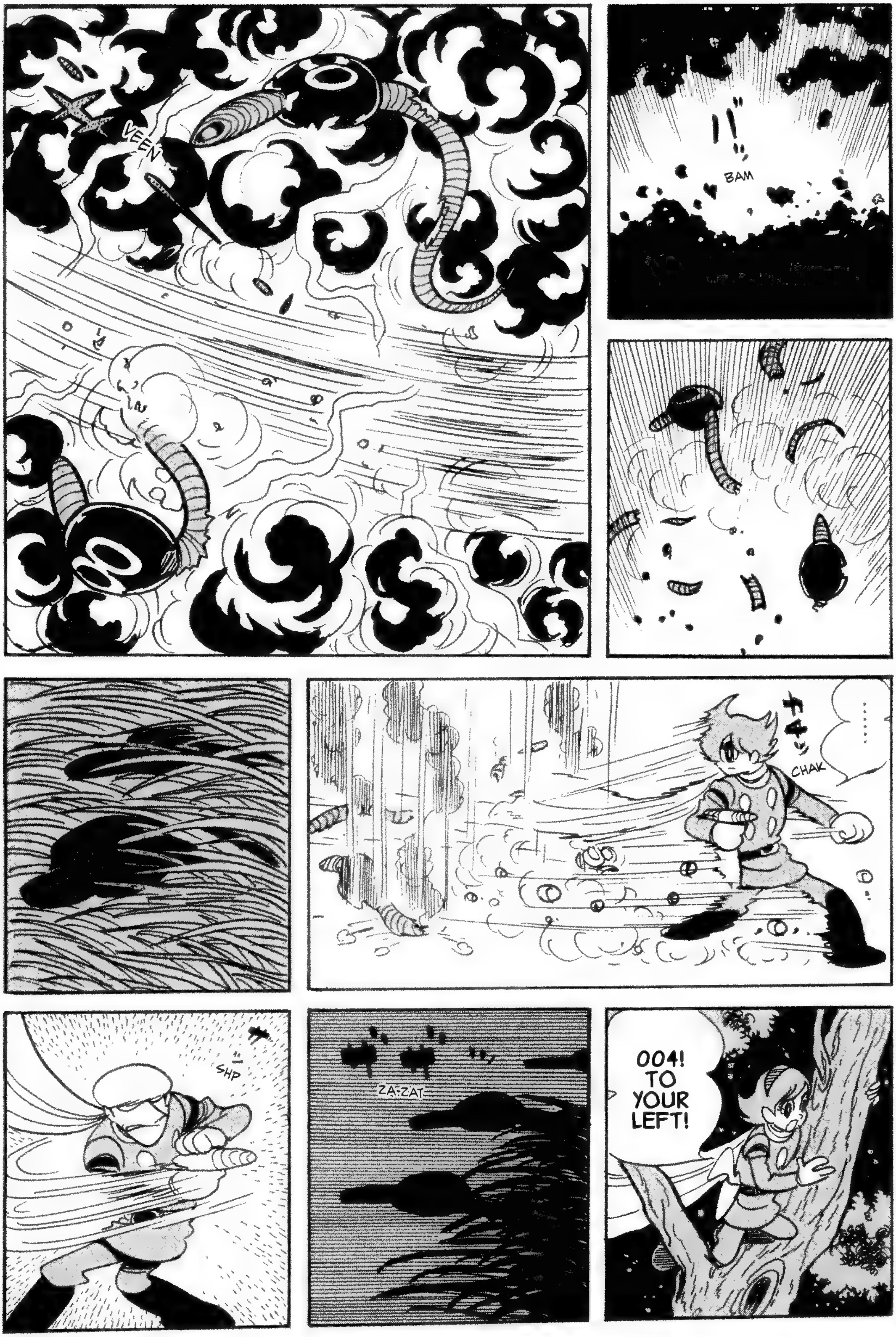
BAM
VEEN
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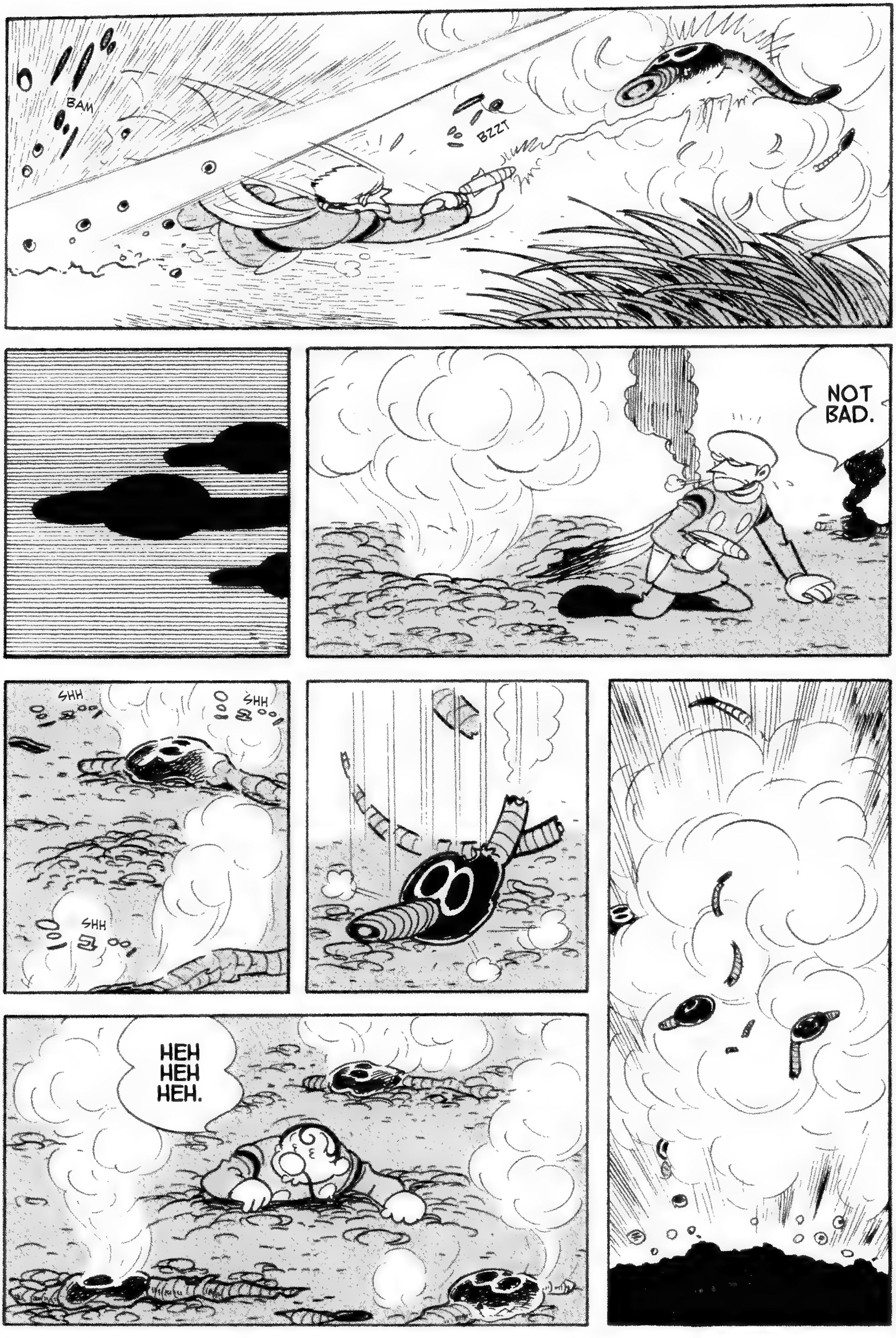
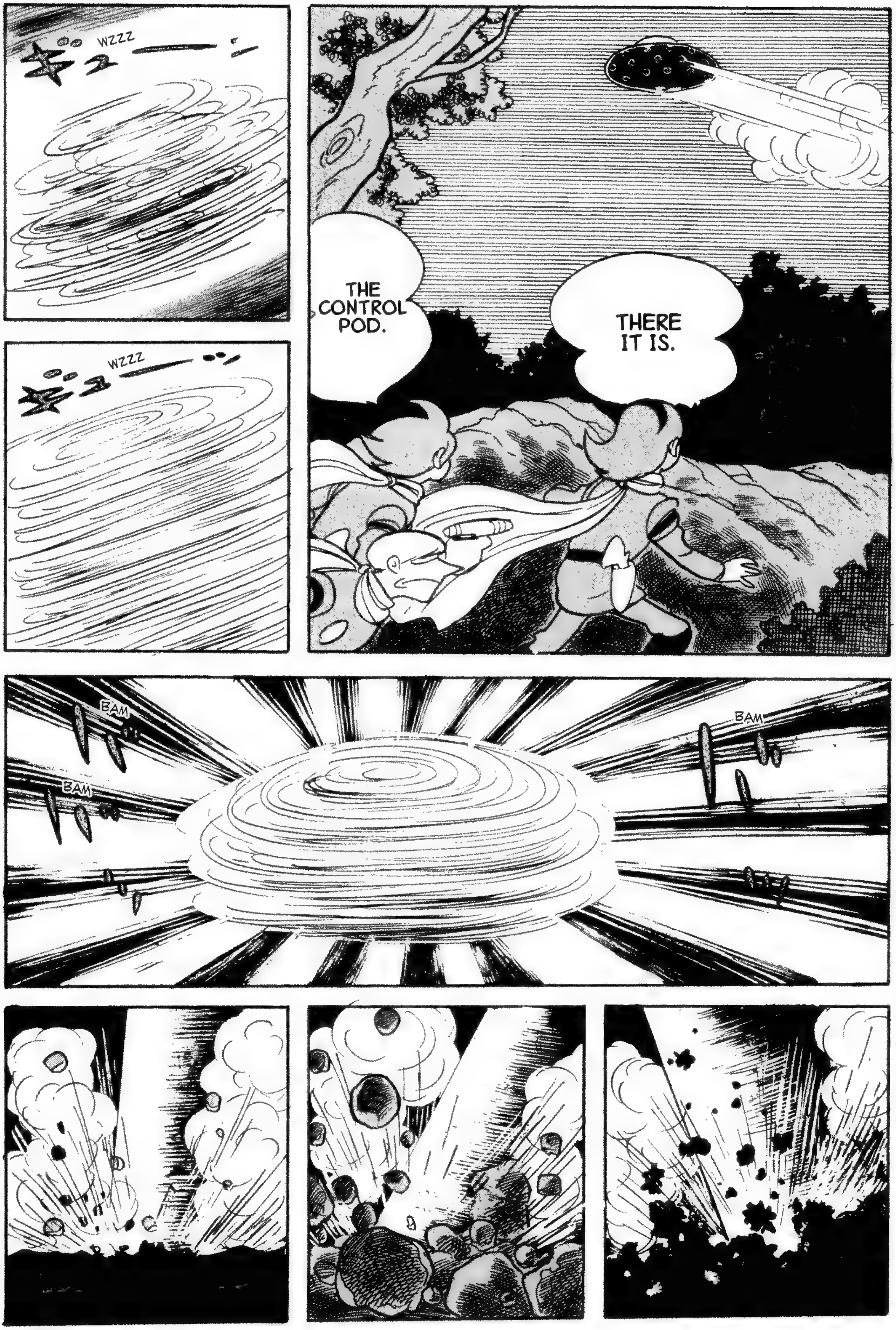
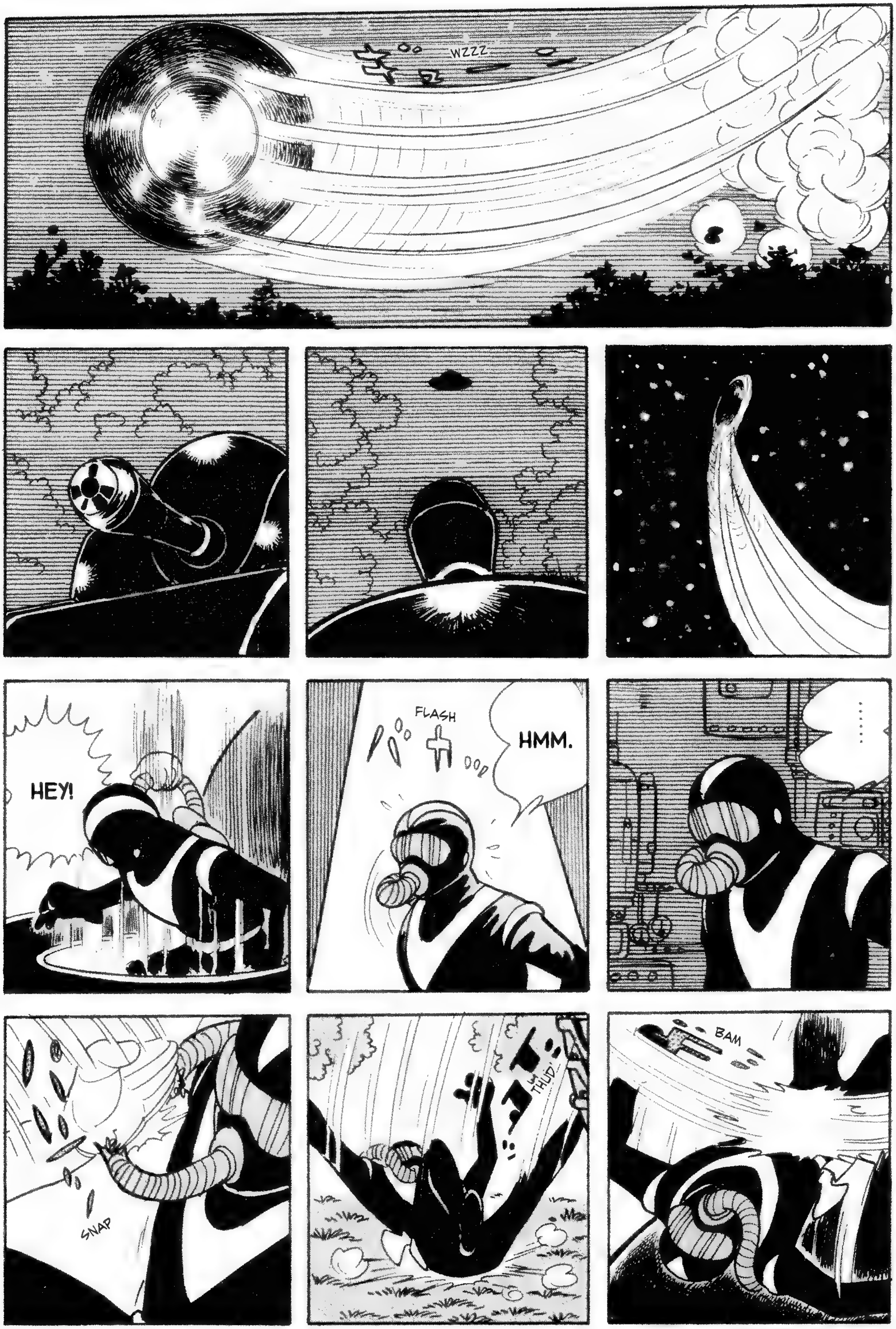
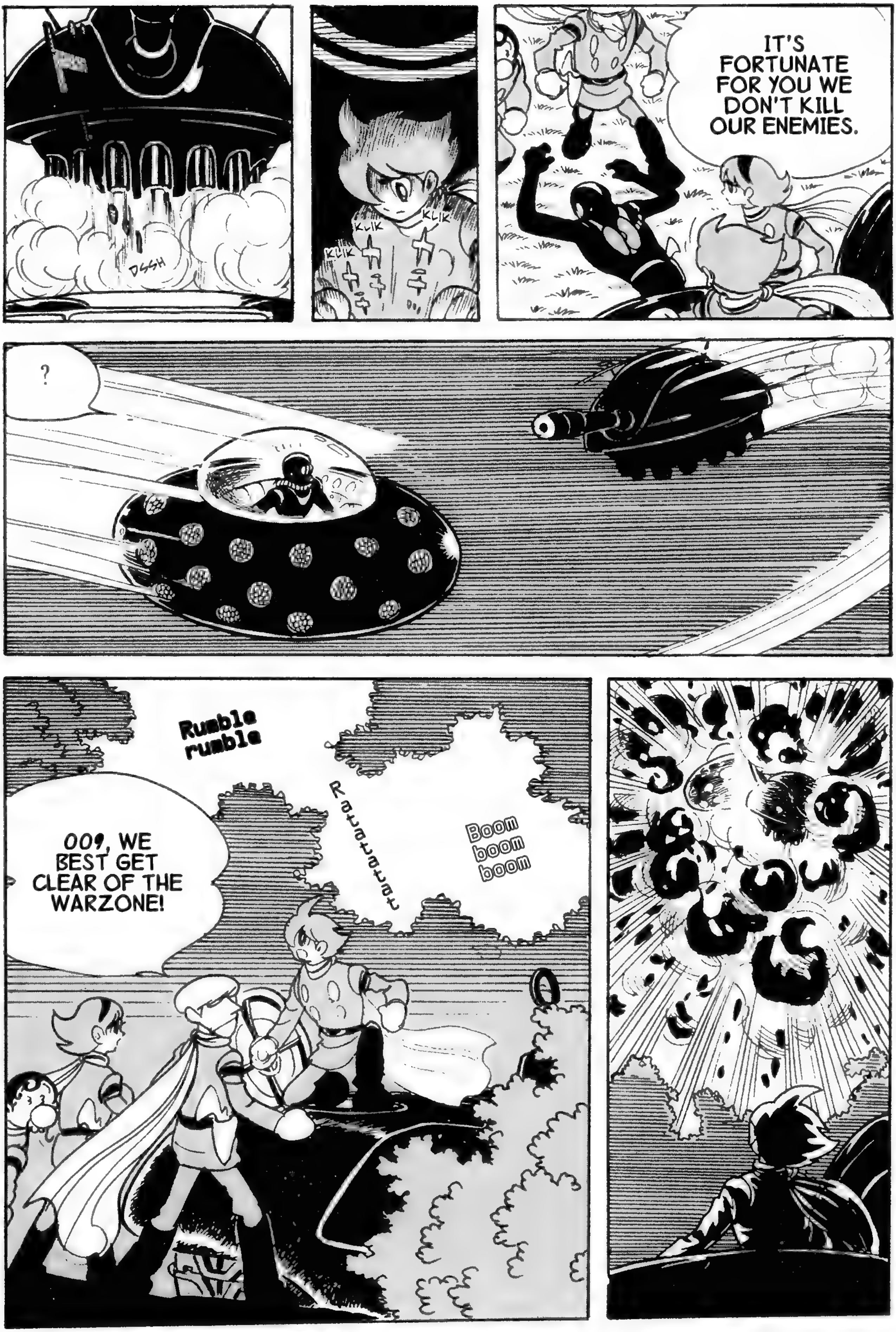
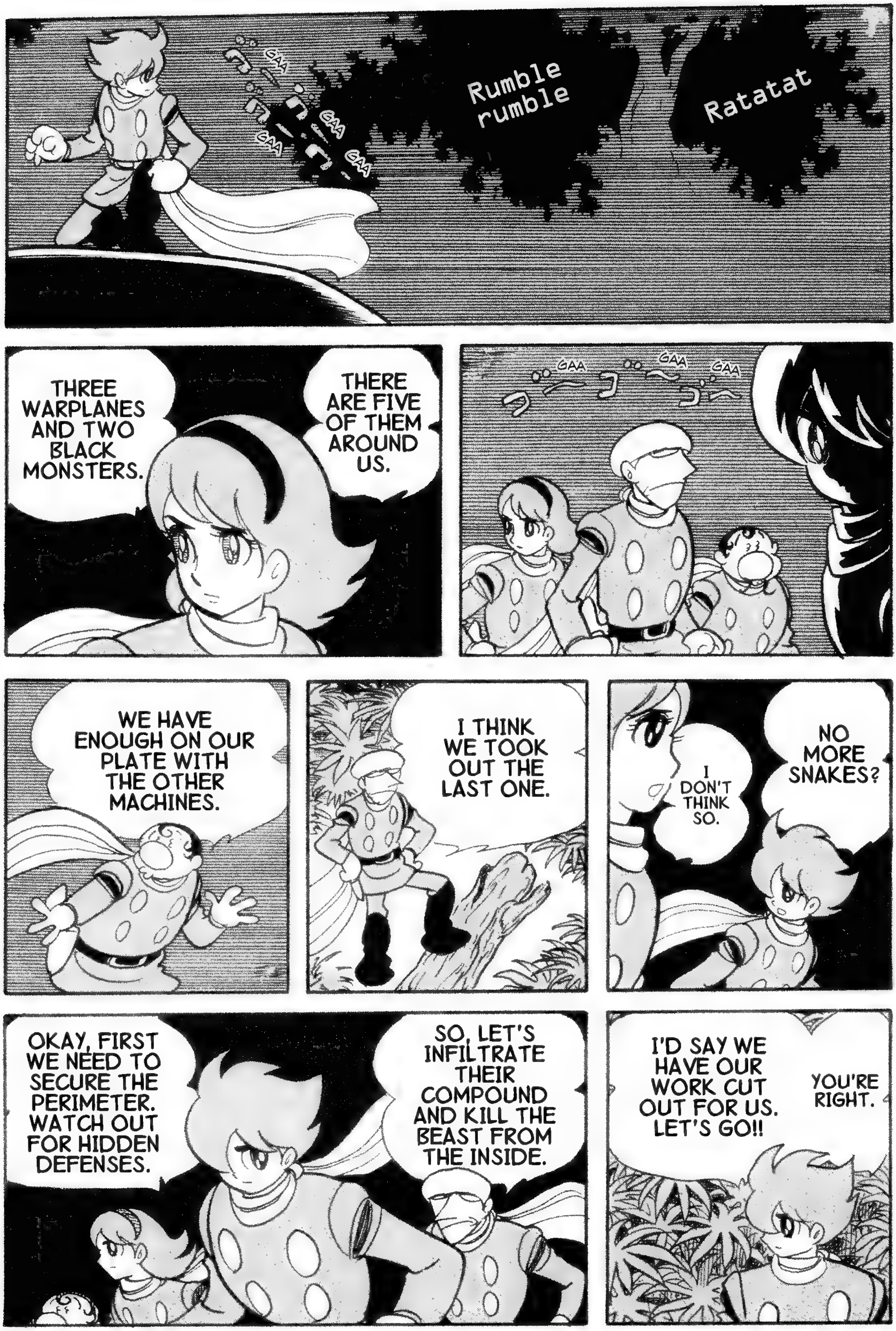
CHAK
......
004! TO YOUR LEFT!
ZA-ZAT
SHP

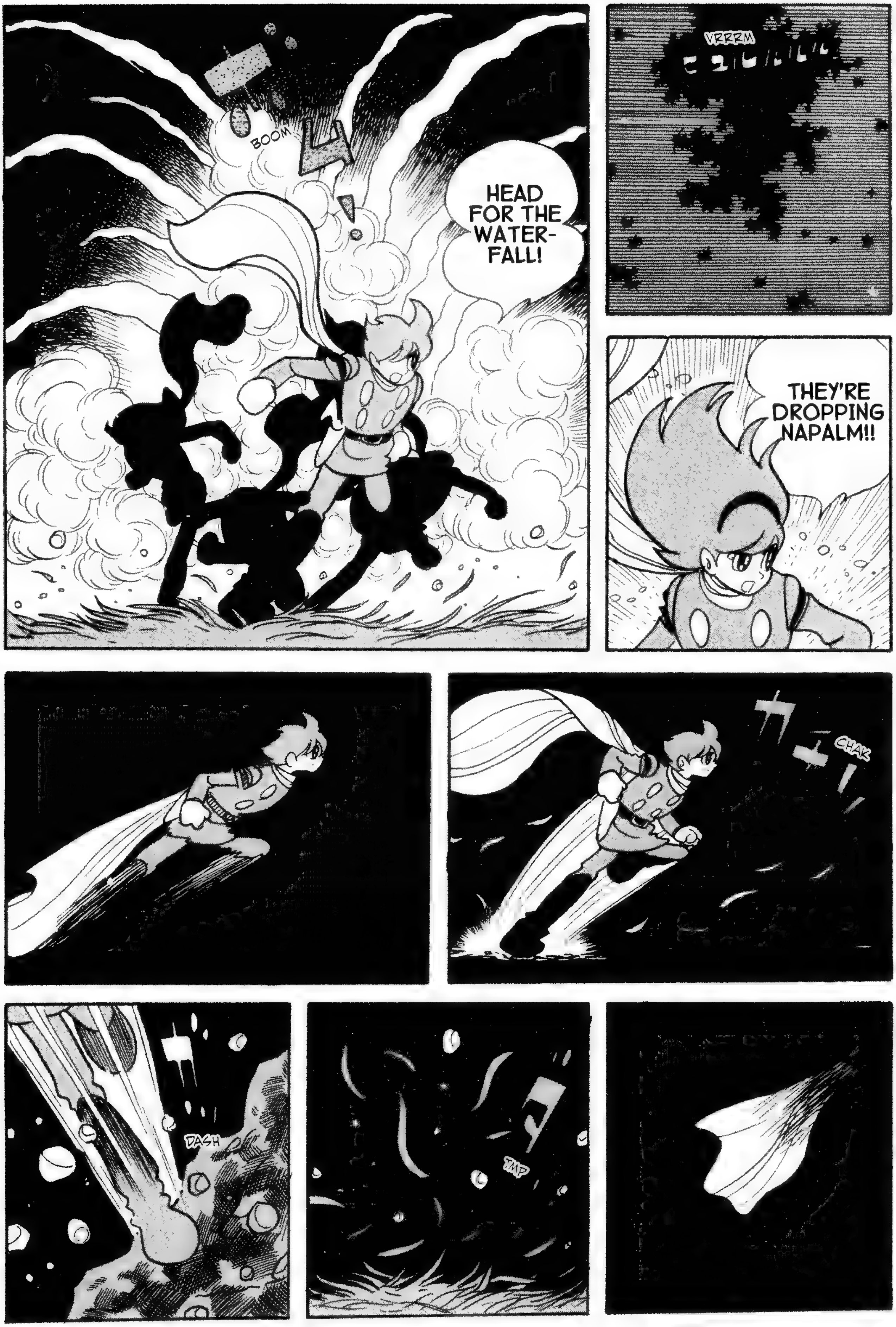

BAM
BZZT
NOT BAD.
SHH
SHH
SHH
HEH HEH HEH.

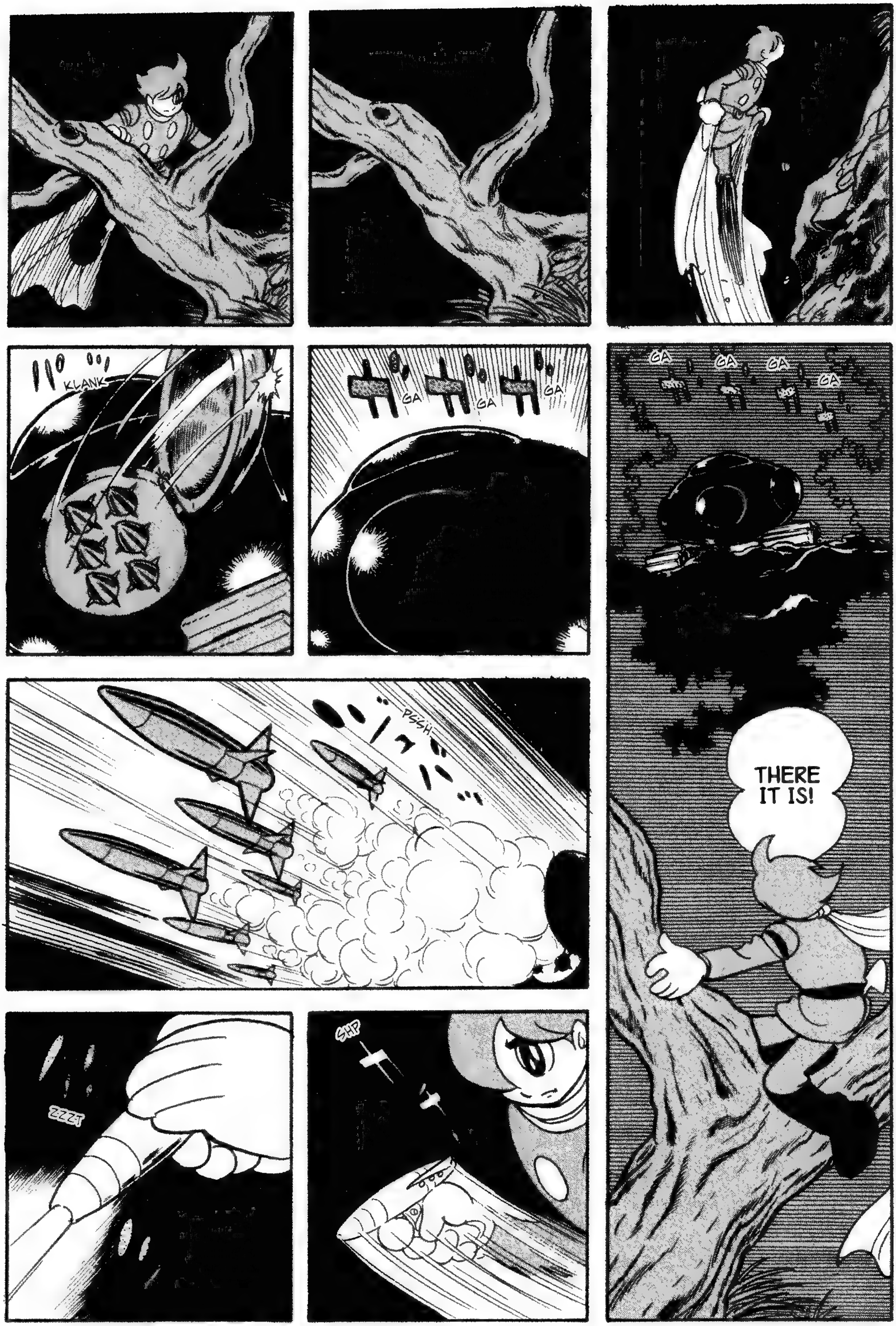

THERE IT IS.
THE CONTROL POD.
WZZZ
WZZZ
BAM
BAM
BAM

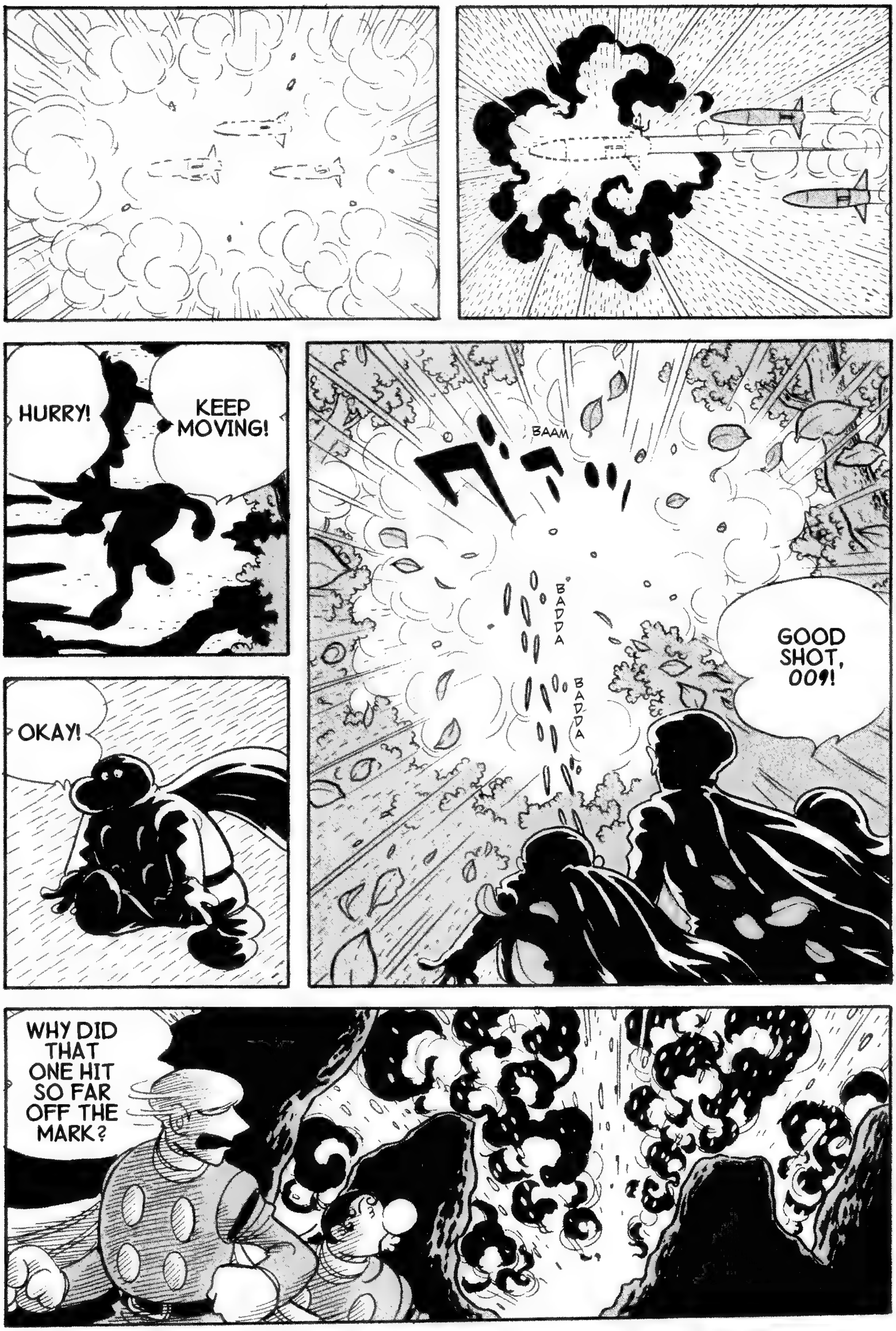

WZZZ
HEY!
FLASH
HMM.
......
SNAP
THUD
BAM

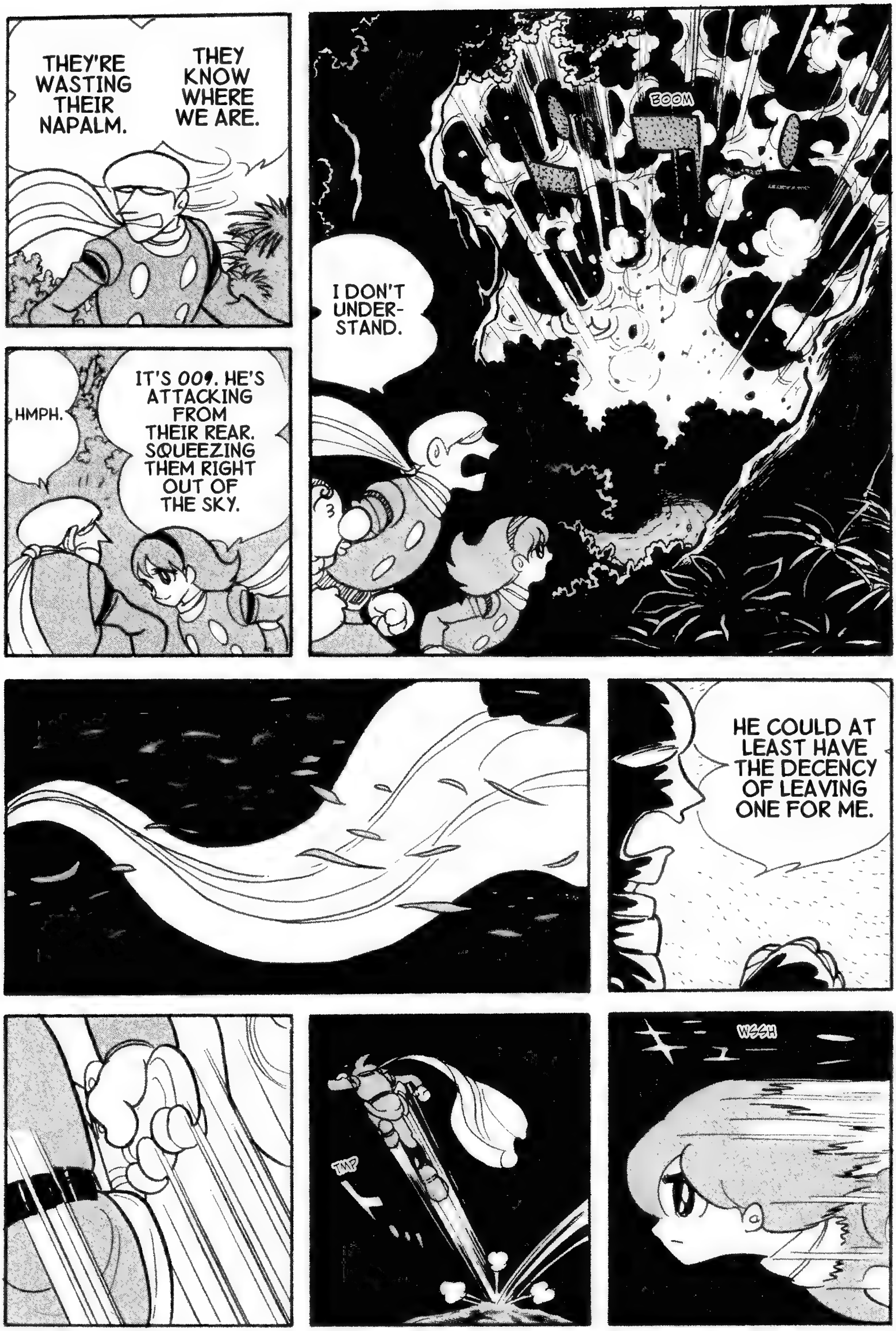

DSSH
KLIK
KLIK
KLIK
IT'S FORTUNATE FOR YOU WE DON'T KILL OUR ENEMIES.
?
Rumble rumble
Ratatatat
Boom boom boom
009, WE BEST GET CLEAR OF THE WARZONE!

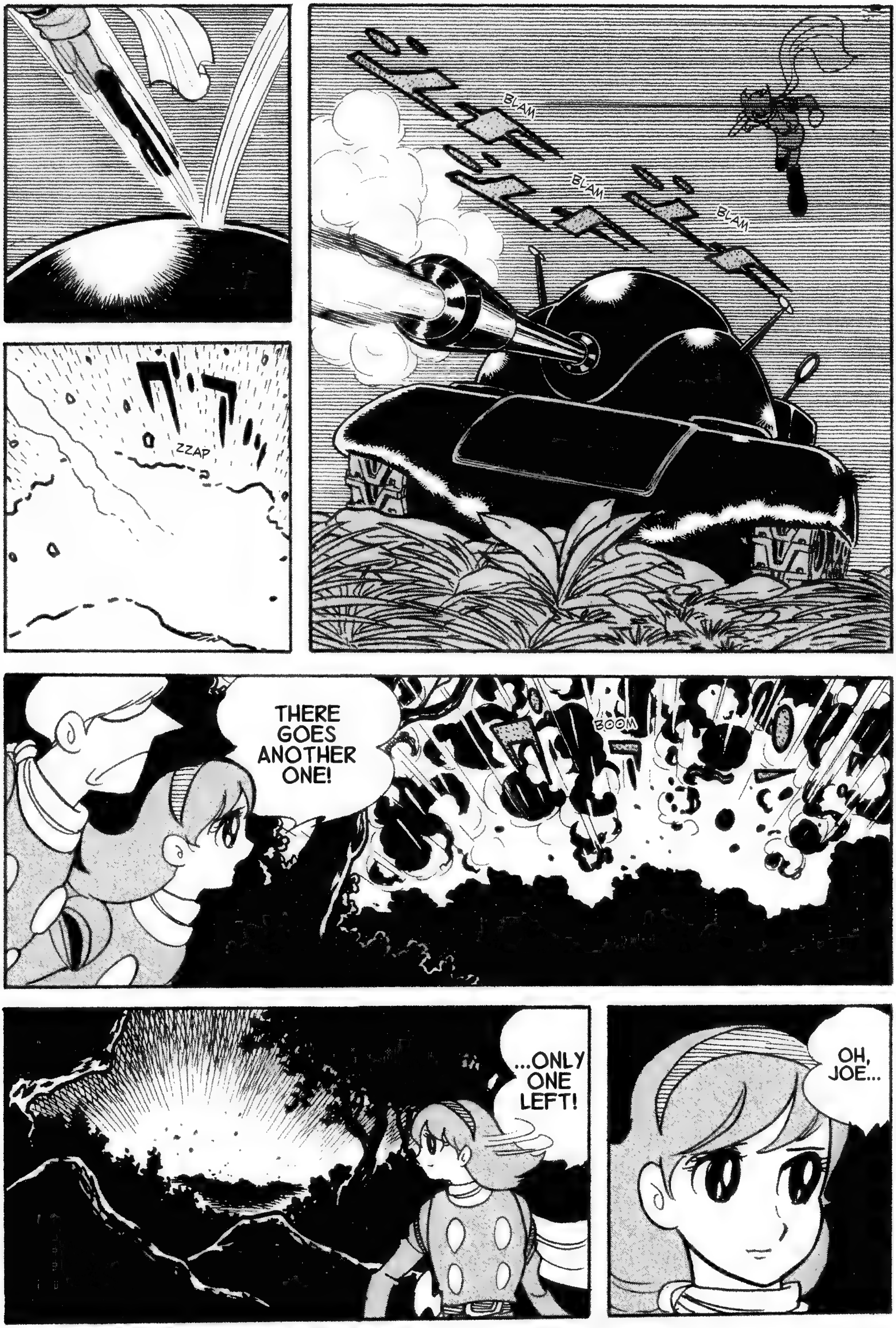

GAA
GAA
GAA
GAA
Rumble rumble
Ratatat
THREE WARPLANES AND TWO BLACK MONSTERS.
THERE ARE FIVE OF THEM AROUND US.
GAA
GAA
GAA
WE HAVE ENOUGH ON OUR PLATE WITH THE OTHER MACHINES.
I THINK WE TOOK OUT THE LAST ONE.
NO MORE SNAKES?
I DON'T THINK SO.
OKAY, FIRST WE NEED TO SECURE THE PERIMETER. WATCH OUT FOR HIDDEN DEFENSES.
SO, LET'S INFILTRATE THEIR COMPOUND AND KILL THE BEAST FROM THE INSIDE.
I'D SAY WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US. LET'S GO!!
YOU'RE RIGHT.

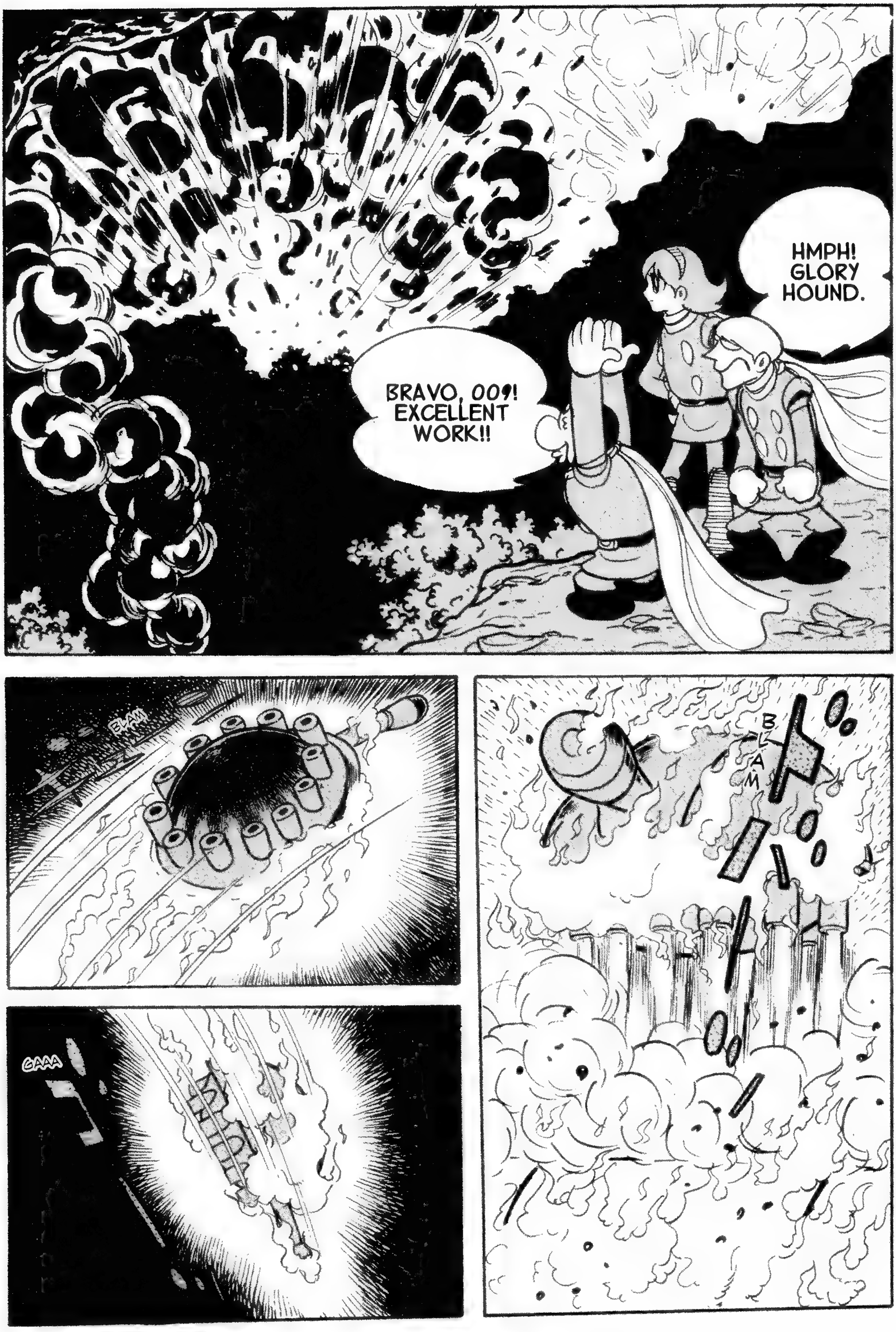

BOOM
HEAD FOR THE WATERFALL!
VRRRM
THEY'RE DROPPING NAPALM!!
CHAK
DASH
TMP

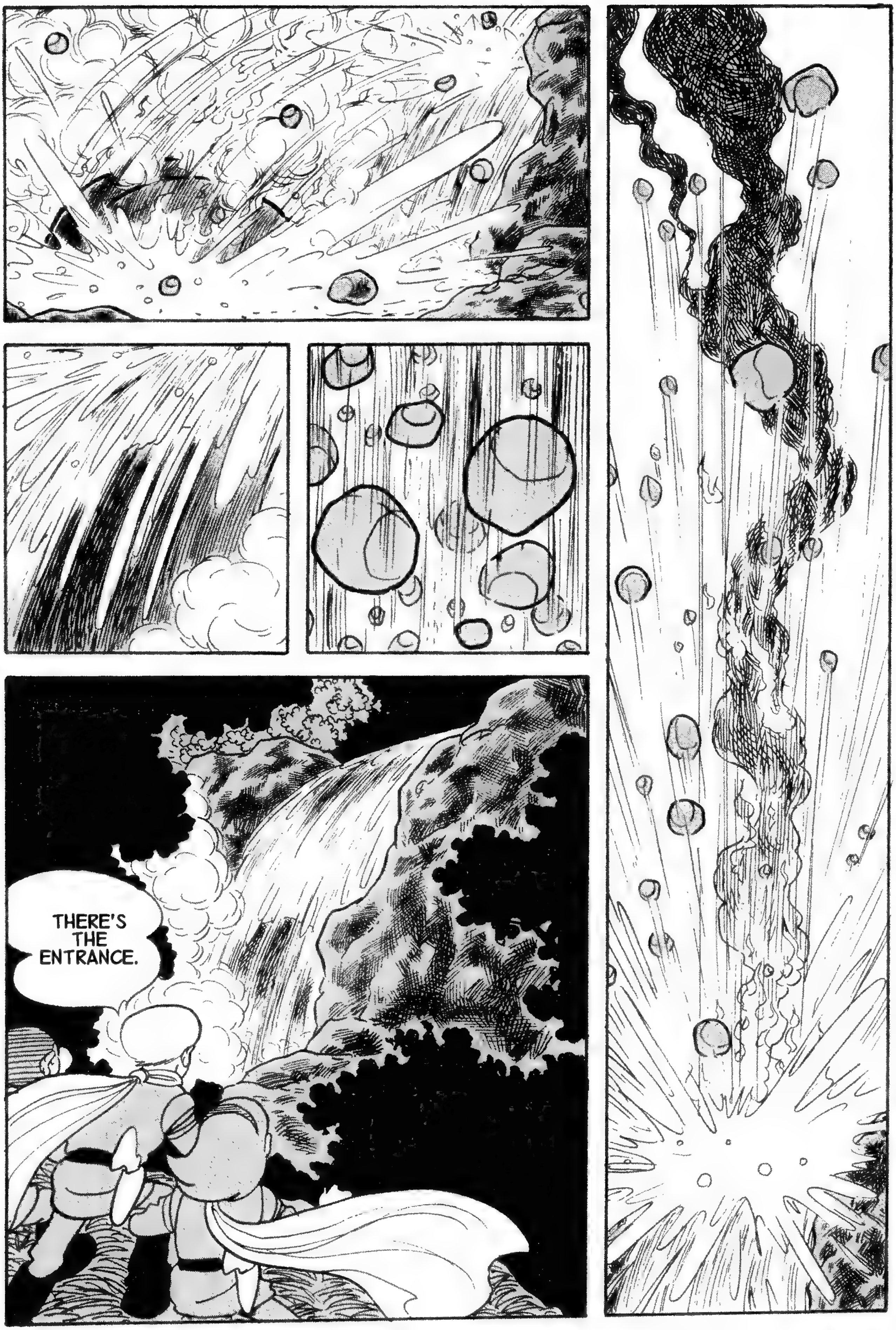

KLANK
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
GA
THERE IT IS!
PSSH
ZZZT
SHP

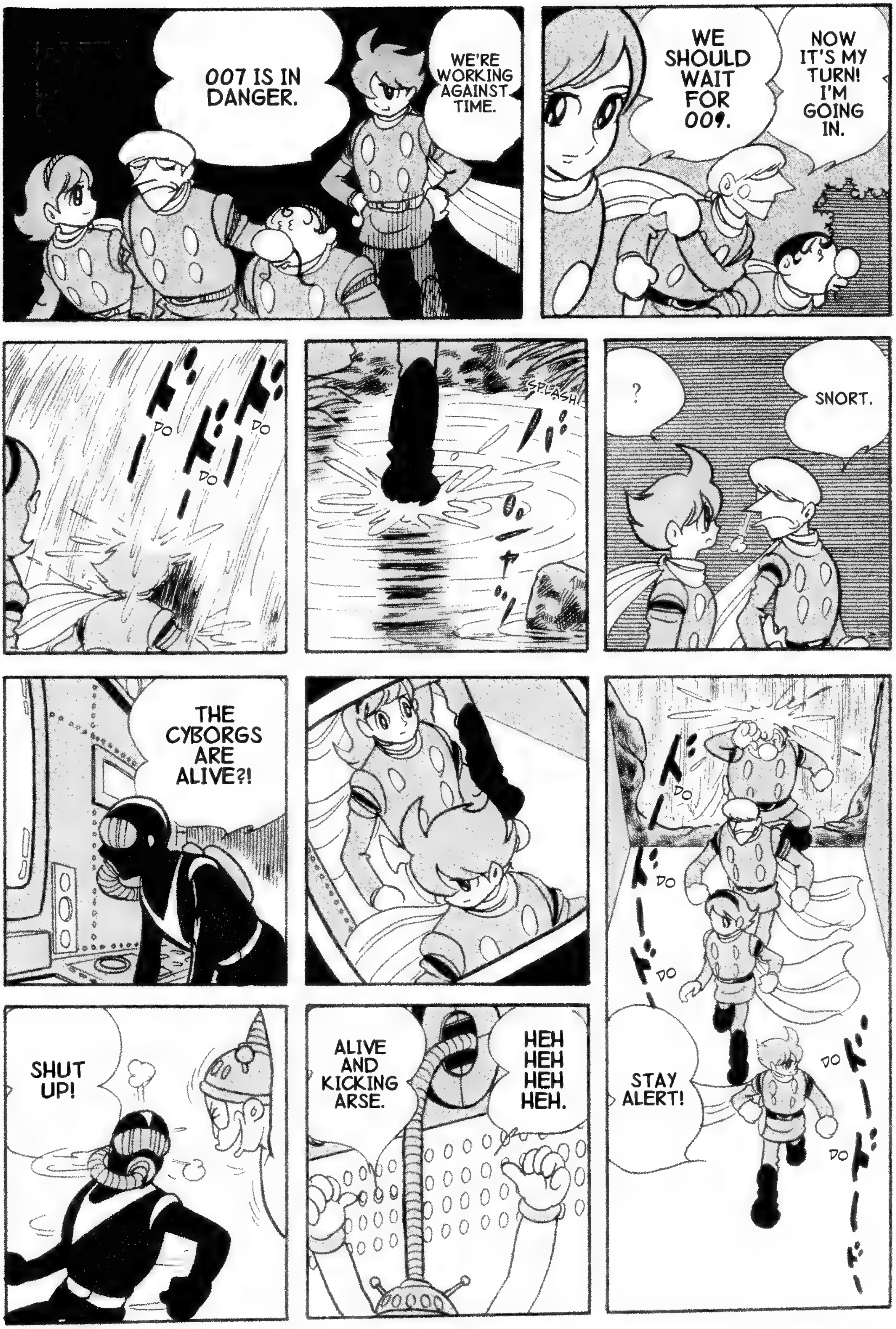

HURRY!
KEEP MOVING!
OKAY!
BAAM
BADDA
BADDA
GOOD SHOT, 009!
WHY DID THAT ONE HIT SO FAR OFF THE MARK?

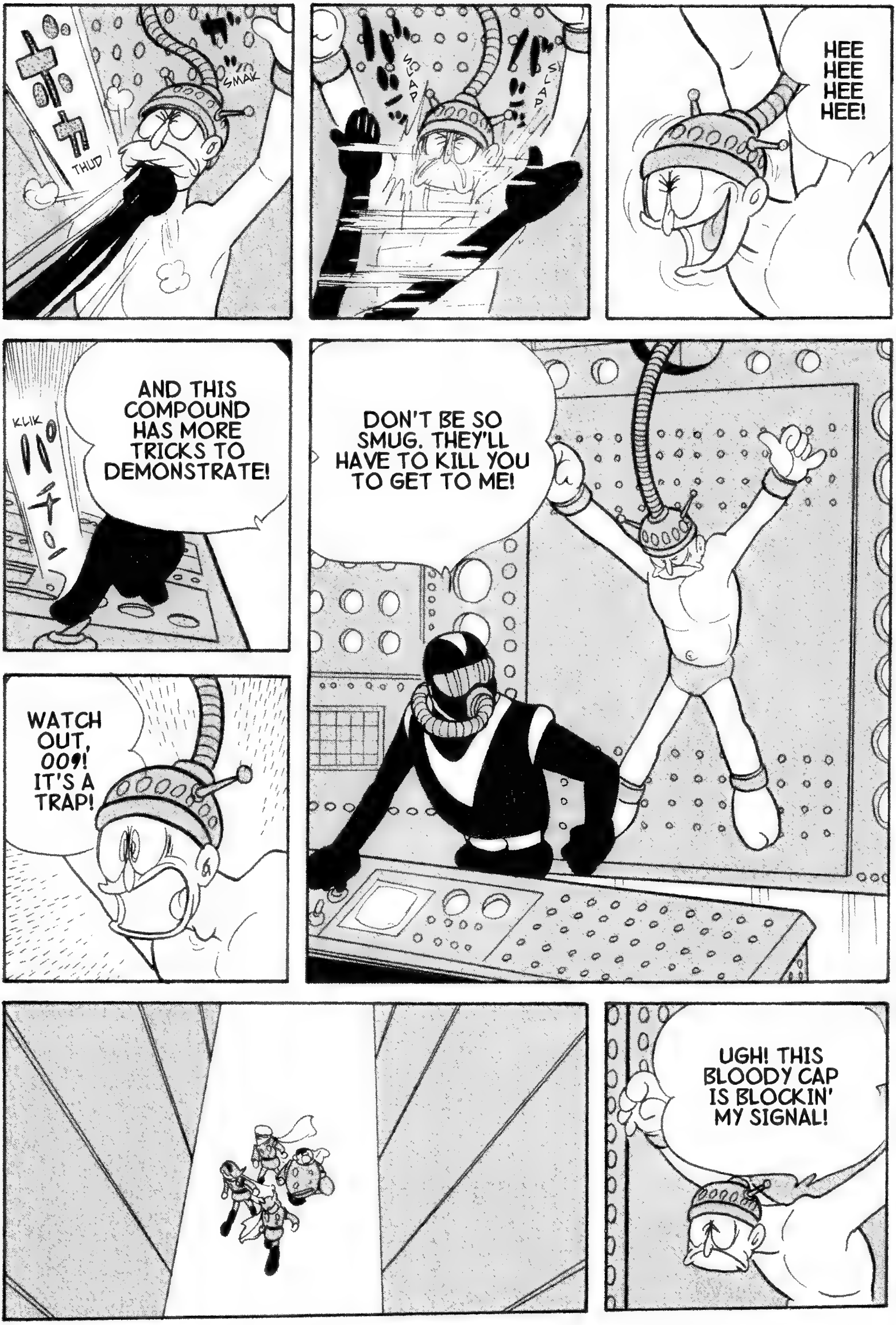

THEY'RE WASTING THEIR NAPALM.
THEY KNOW WHERE WE ARE.
HMPH.
IT'S 009. HE'S ATTACKING FROM THEIR REAR. SQUEEZING THEM RIGHT OUT OF THE SKY.
BOOM
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
HE COULD AT LEAST HAVE THE DECENCY OF LEAVING ONE FOR ME.
TMP
WSSH

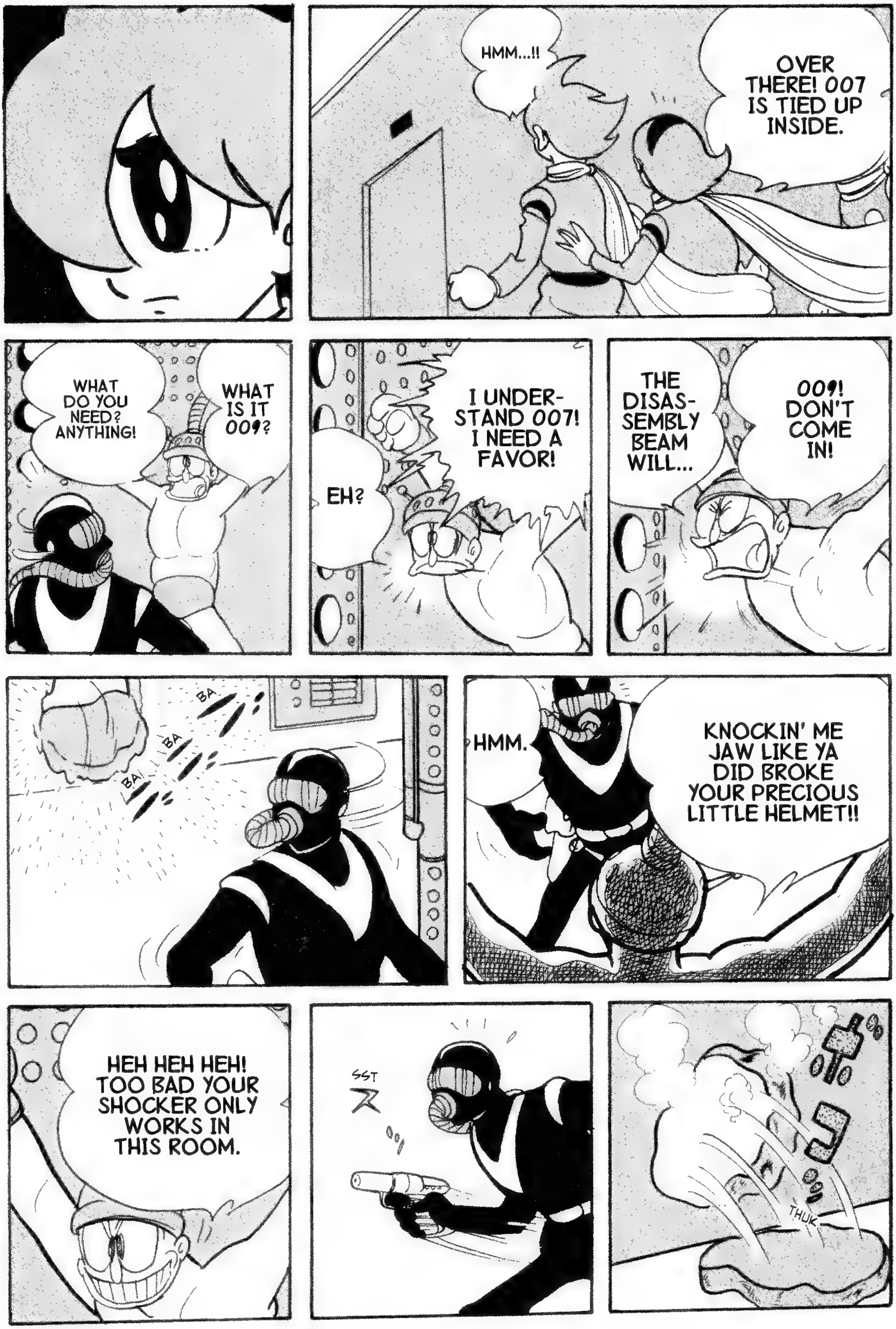

ZZAP
BLAM
BLAM
BLAM
THERE GOES ANOTHER ONE!
BOOM
...ONLY ONE LEFT!
OH, JOE...

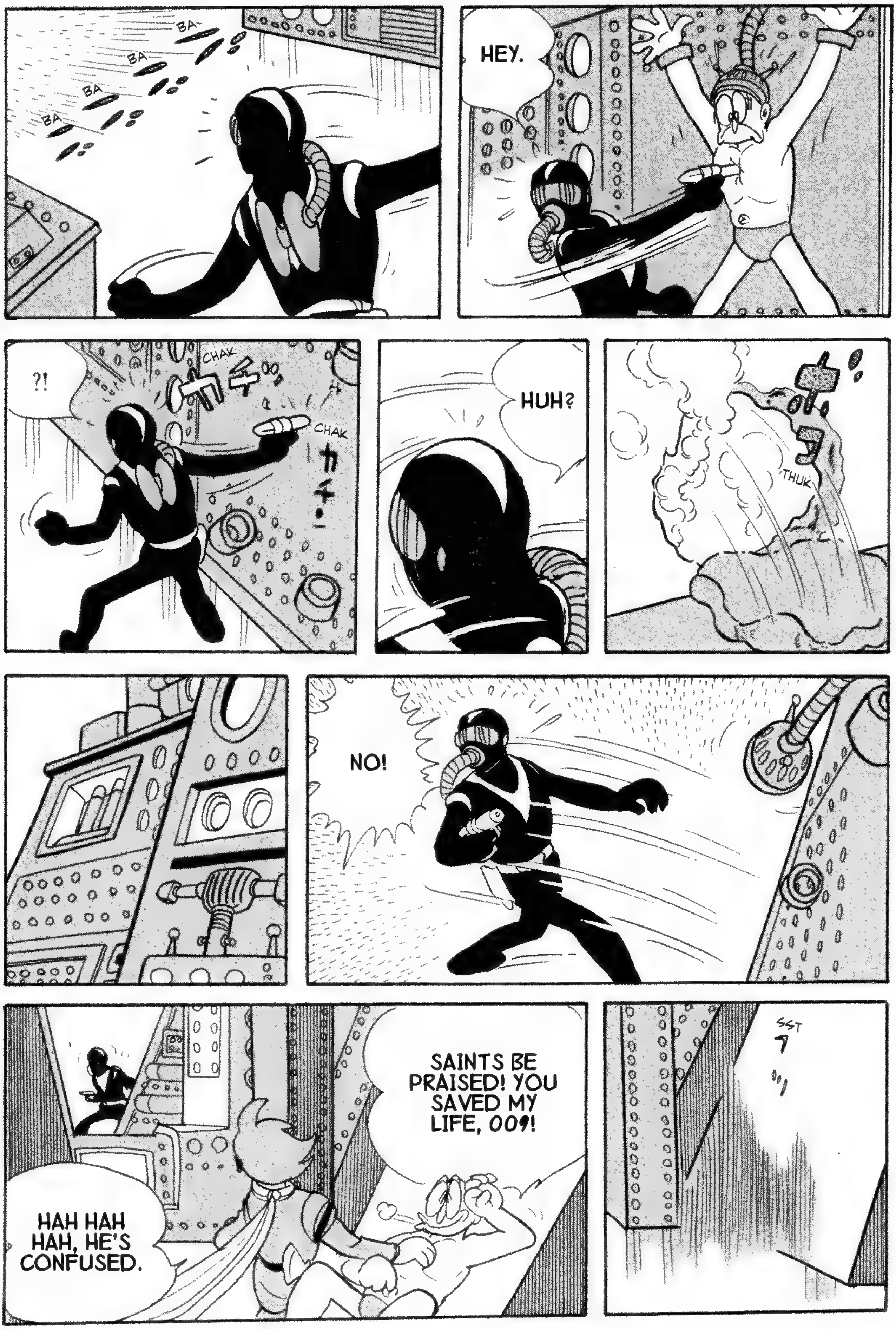

BRAVO, 009! EXCELLENT WORK!!
HMPH! GLORY HOUND.
BLAM
GAAA
BLAM

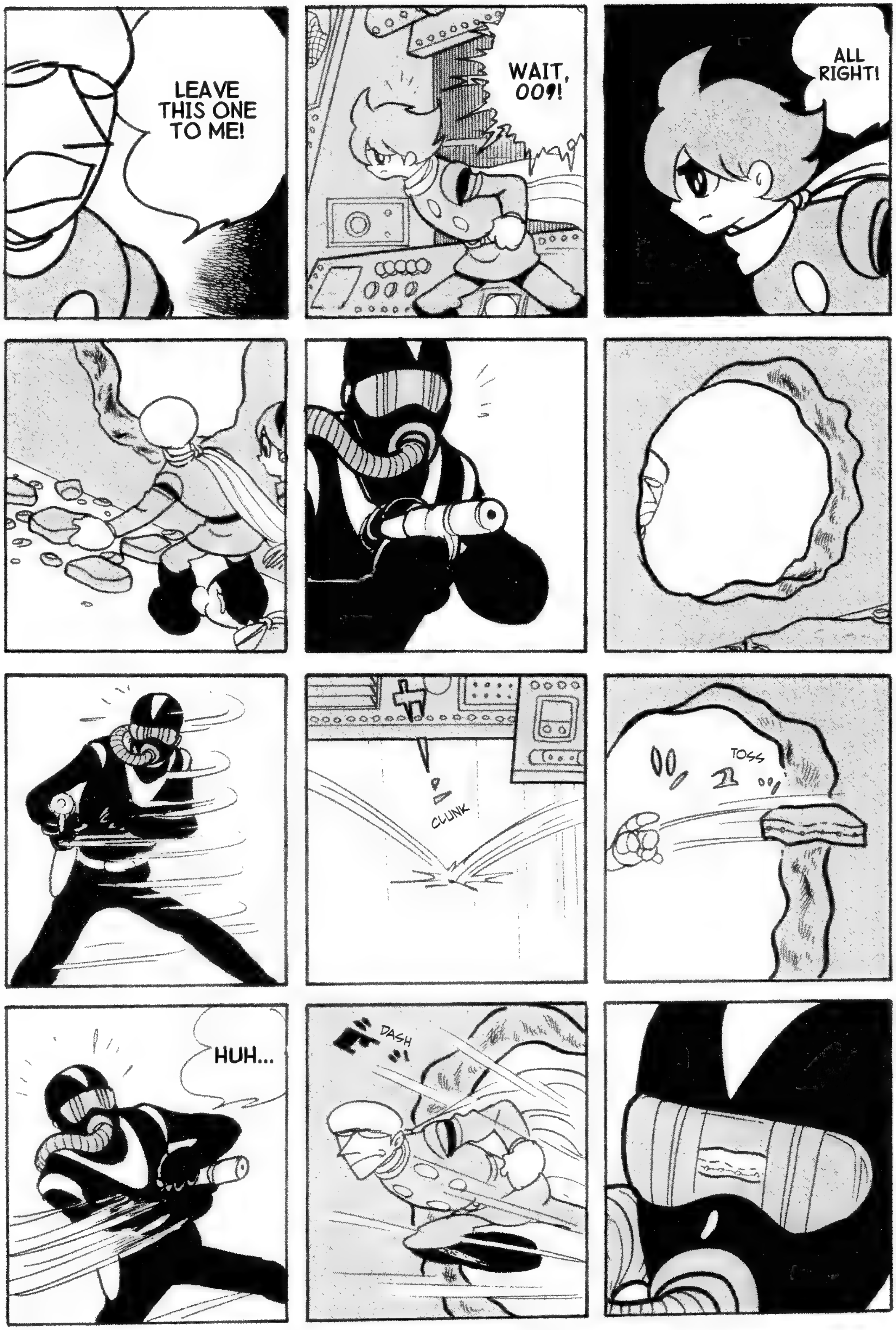

THERE'S THE ENTRANCE.

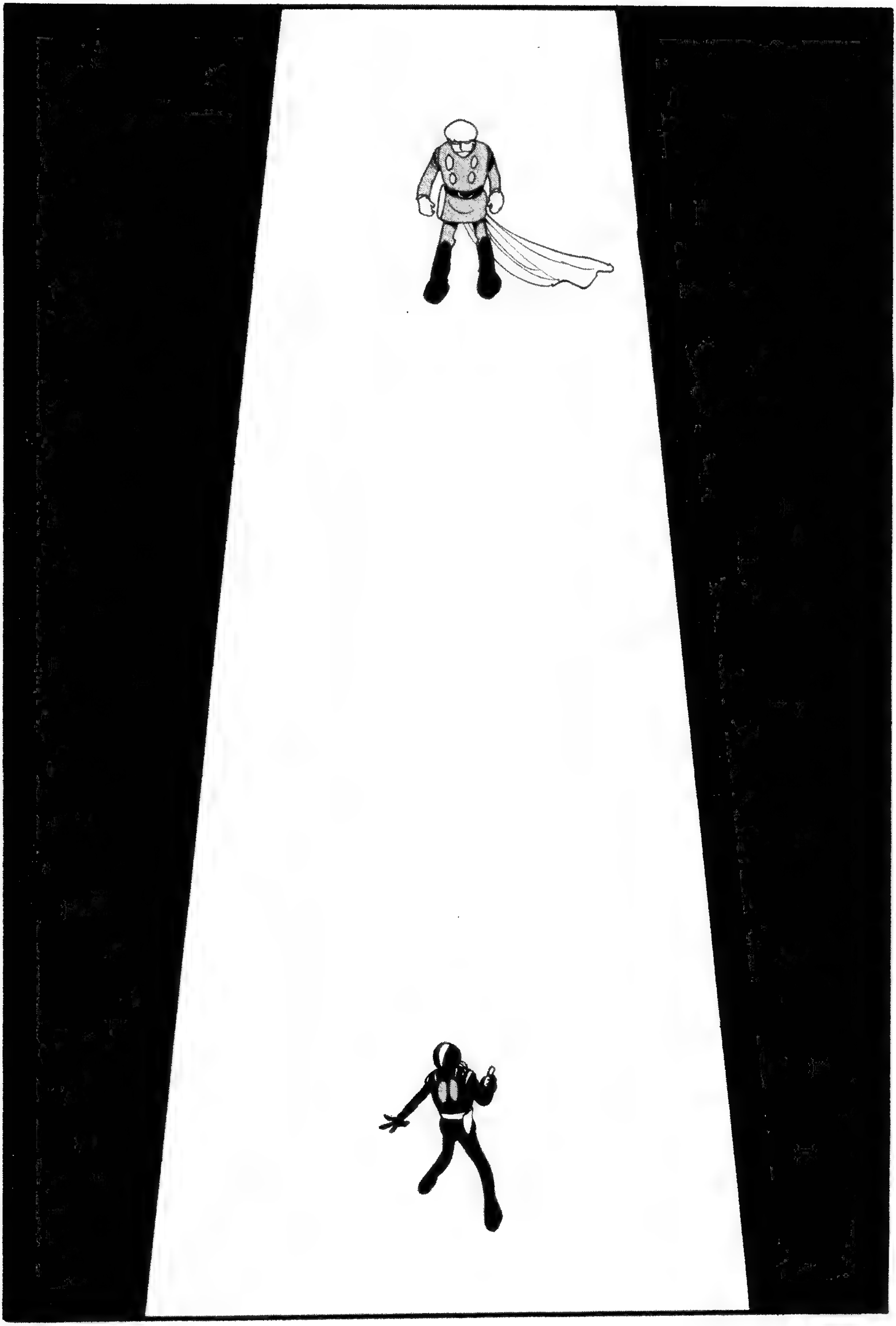

007 IS IN DANGER.
WE'RE WORKING AGAINST TIME.
WE SHOULD WAIT FOR 009.
NOW IT'S MY TURN! I'M GOING IN.
DO
DO
DO
SPLASH!
?
SNORT.
THE CYBORGS ARE ALIVE?!
DO
DO
DO
STAY ALERT!
DO
DO
SHUT UP!
ALIVE AND KICKING ARSE.
HEH HEH HEH HEH.

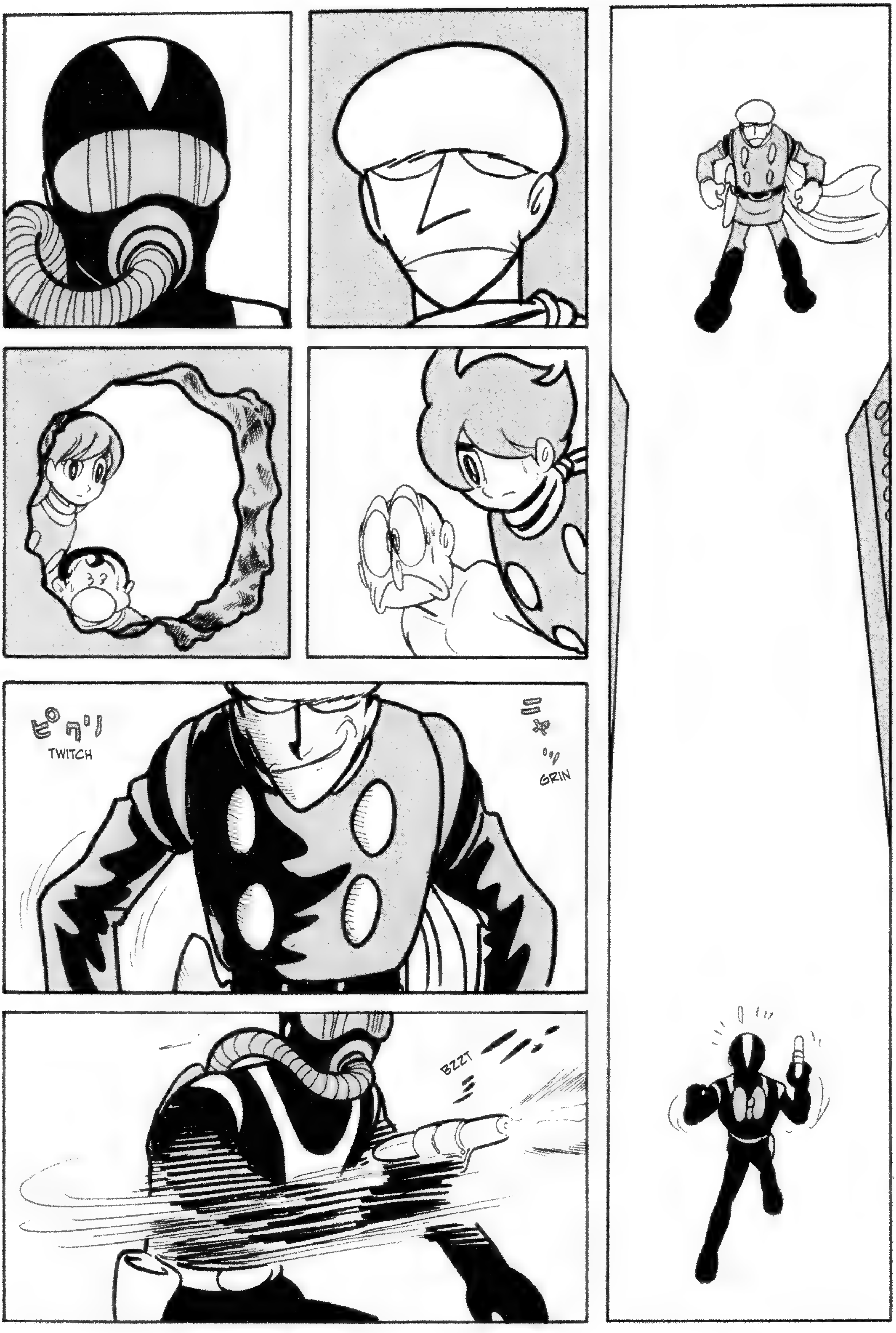

SMAK
THUD
SLAP
SLAP
HEE HEE HEE HEE!
KLIK
AND THIS COMPOUND HAS MORE TRICKS TO DEMONSTRATE!
DON'T BE SO SMUG. THEY'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU TO GET TO ME!
WATCH OUT, 009! IT'S A TRAP!
UGH! THIS BLOODY CAP IS BLOCKIN' MY SIGNAL!

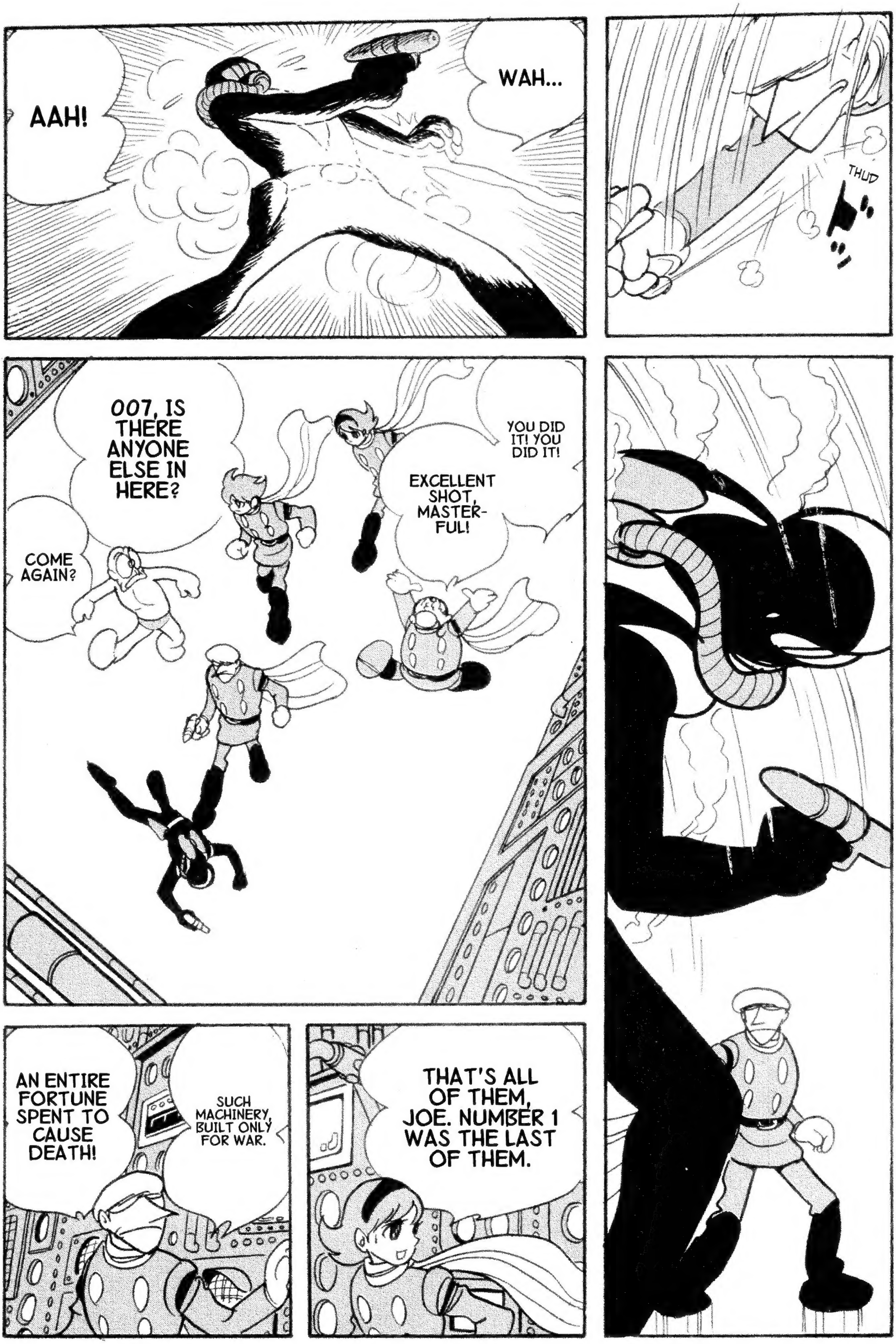

OVER THERE! 007 IS TIED UP INSIDE.
HMM...!!
009! DON'T COME IN!
THE DISASSEMBLY BEAM WILL...
I UNDERSTAND 007! I NEED A FAVOR!
EH?
WHAT IS IT 009?
WHAT DO YOU NEED? ANYTHING!
KNOCKIN' ME JAW LIKE YA DID BROKE YOUR PRECIOUS LITTLE HELMET!!
HMM.
BA BA BA
THUK
SST
HEH HEH HEH! TOO BAD YOUR SHOCKER ONLY WORKS IN THIS ROOM.

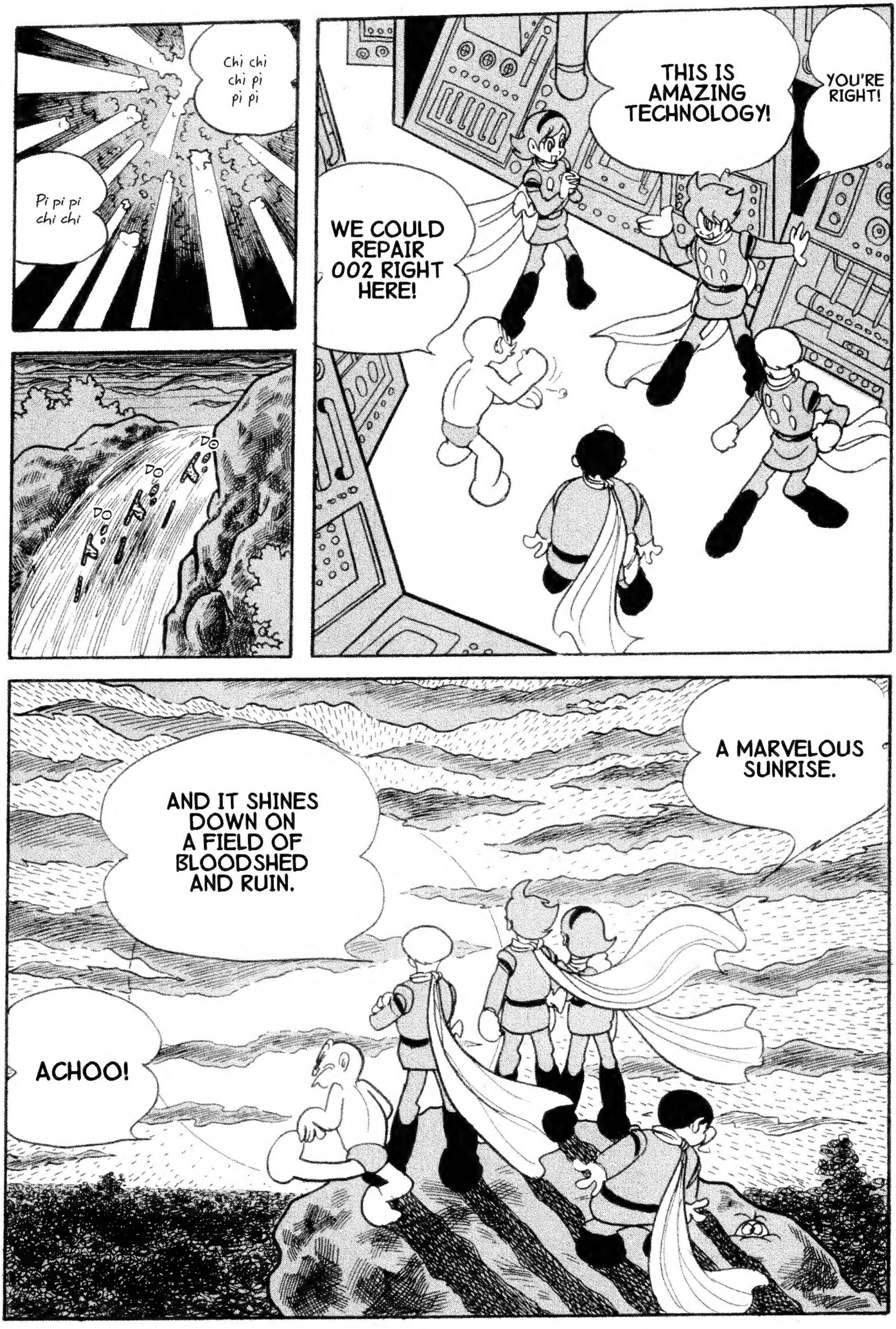

BA
BA
BA
BA
HEY.
?!
CHAK
CHAK
カチ
HUH?
THUK
NO!
SAINTS BE PRAISED! YOU SAVED MY LIFE, 009!
HAH HAH HAH, HE'S CONFUSED.
SST


LEAVE THIS ONE TO ME!
WAIT, 009!
ALL RIGHT!
CLUNK
TOSS
HUH...
DASH

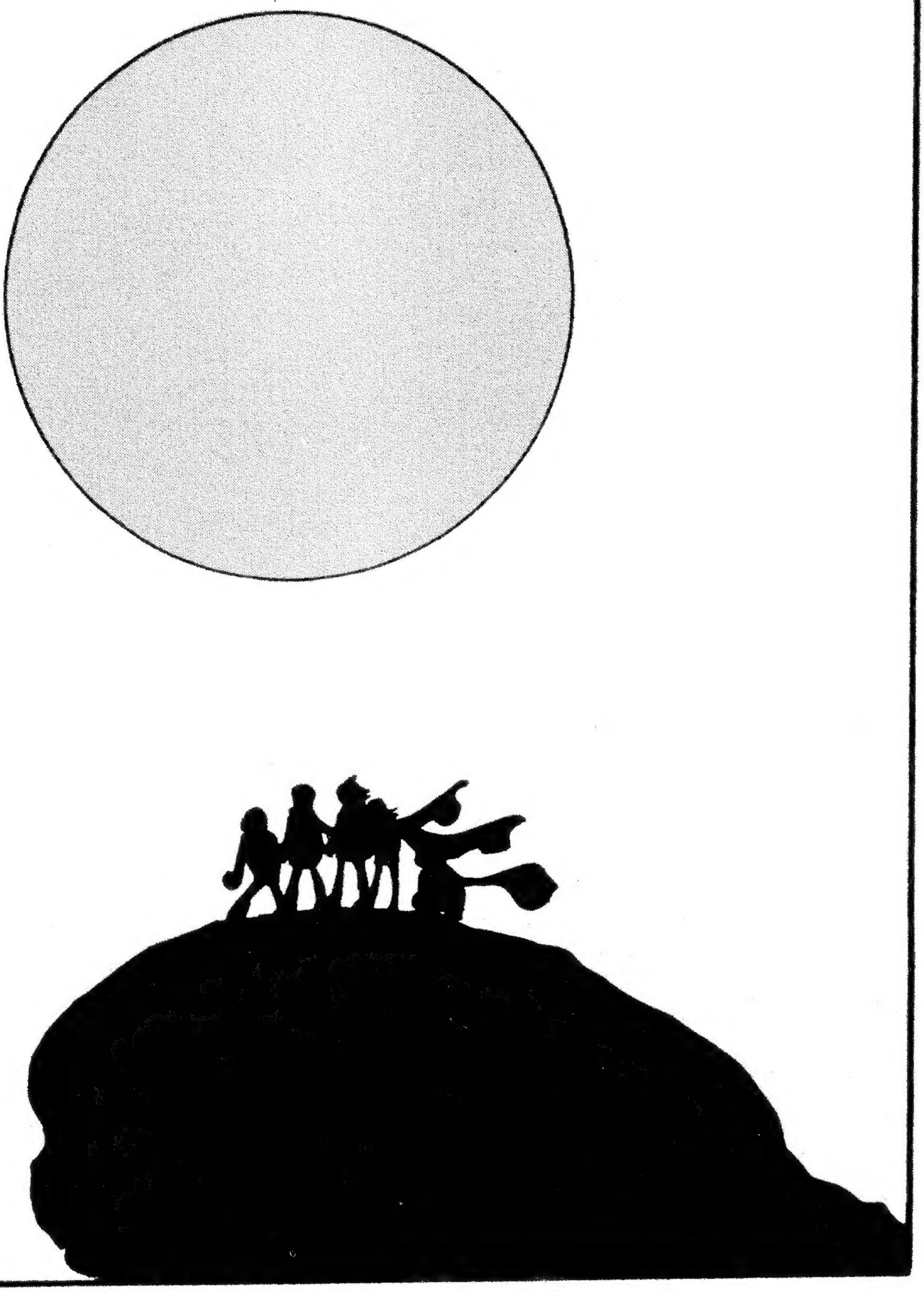


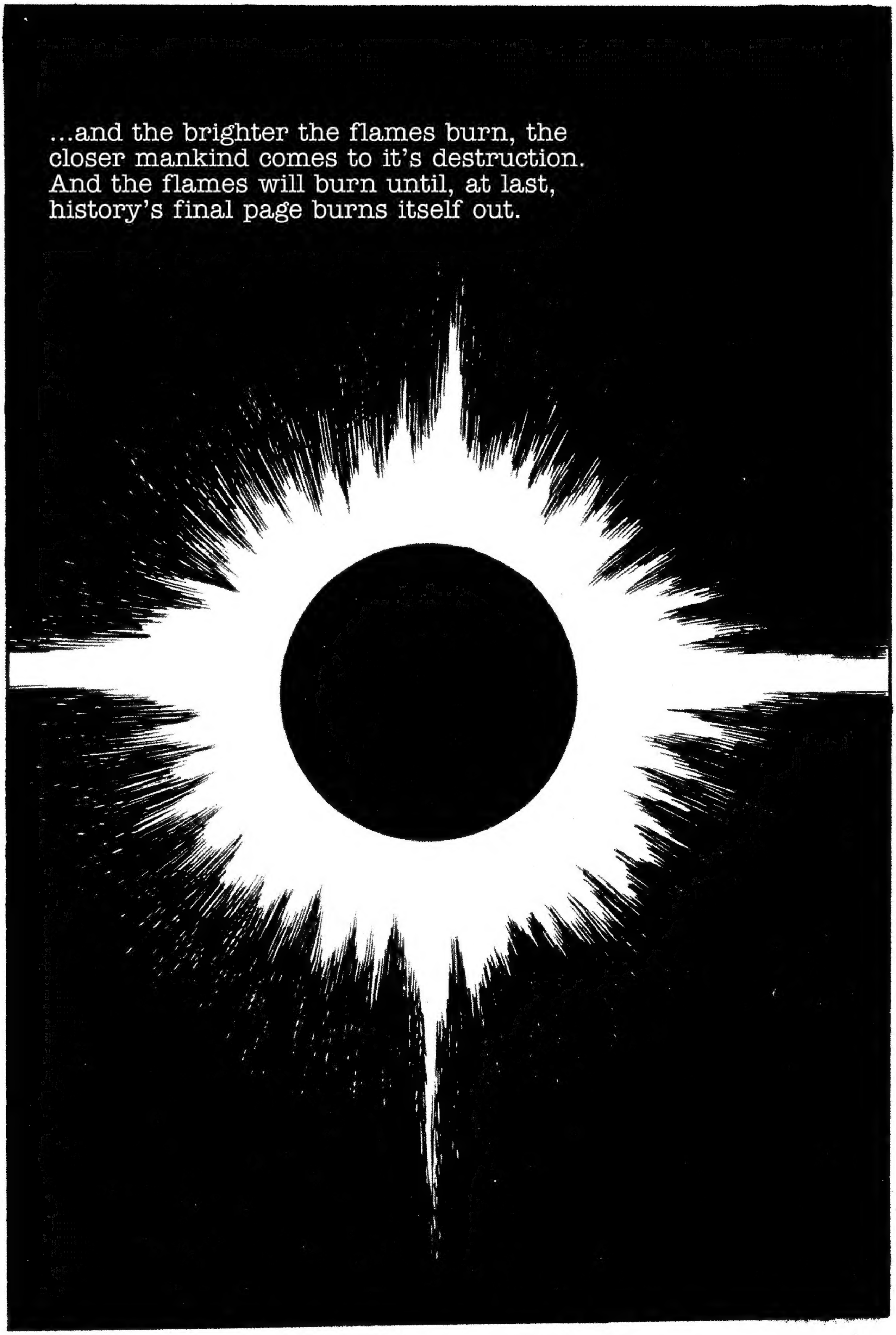

ニヤリ
GRIN
ピクリ
TWITCH
BZZT


AAH!
WAH...
THUD
007, IS THERE ANYONE ELSE IN HERE?
COME AGAIN?
YOU DID IT! YOU DID IT!
EXCELLENT SHOT, MASTERFUL!
AN ENTIRE FORTUNE SPENT TO CAUSE DEATH!
SUCH MACHINERY, BUILT ONLY FOR WAR.
THAT'S ALL OF THEM, JOE. NUMBER 1 WAS THE LAST OF THEM.


Chi chi chi pi pi pi
Pi pi pi chi chi
DO
DO
DO
THIS IS AMAZING TECHNOLOGY!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WE COULD REPAIR 002 RIGHT HERE!
A MARVELOUS SUNRISE.
AND IT SHINES DOWN ON A FIELD OF BLOODSHED AND RUIN.
ACHOO!

The Cyborgs succeeded in stopping the Black Ghost in the warfields of Vietnam. However the struggle is not over and the Cyborgs must continue their fight so that peace might one day flourish on Planet Earth. The claws of the Black Ghost reach around the entire globe, inspiring more war, provoking peoples into mass slaughter. The flames of battle glow brighter and brighter...





...and the brighter the flames burn, the closer mankind comes to it's destruction. And the flames will burn until, at last, history's final page burns itself out.

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